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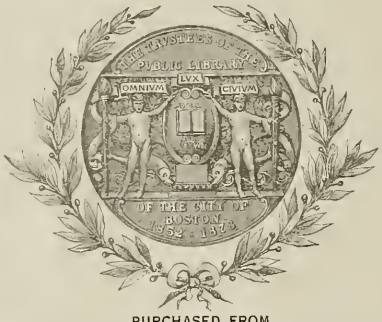

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GOVERNOR JOSEPH JENCKES
GOVERNOR RHODE ISLAND
1727—1732

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

I understand that Mrs. Agnes N. Beede of Pawtucket who has before made valuable contributions to this History, recently called to the attention of Howard W. Chapin, Secretary of the Rhode Island Historical Society of Providence, R. I., that I was getting out a second edition and that she would greatly appreciate it if the Society would send me a half-tone picture of the celebrated painting of Governor Jenks so I could incorporate it in the Histories. He at once complied with a courteous letter to me. I at once sent the half-tone to Jenks Bros. who are Photographers with Studios at Freeport, Ill. and soon they developed and contributed a considerable number of the pictures so that I could enclose one to each subscriber.

Charles N. Jenks.

PREFACE

This is a partial history of the JENKS family, of their ancestry in Wales and later in England, and prior to 1643 A. D. Thence through American History and some family records to about 1900. It is not claimed to be complete, or even approximately so as many collateral lines are missing, due to few or no individual family records having been kept, and with little or no detail. It is intended, however, by the undersigned to offer an opportunity for a member of a family of the name who wish to obtain, or to connect with the direct line to help them do so and to partly understand at least what manner of men and women were their ancestors throughout many centuries past. They will find here names and achievements that have left more than superficial imprints in history and story, and from the very dawn of civilization. It is hoped also that this brief beginning will prove an incentive to family members to a further search for more detailed history and many missing records, and to a final complete genealogy and history of the JENKS family and their forbears.

Charles N. Jenks, brother of
William J. Jenks and nephew of
J. W. P. Jenks and in the direct
line 8th. generation from
Joseph Jenks, Sr. 1643.

P. S. Figure before each name indicates the generation in America.

b. - Born
d. - Died
m. - Married
Div. - Divorced.

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T H E J E N K S F A M I L Y

Traced through Welsh ancient manuscripts and seemingly reliable tradition from about the year 150 B. C. to 1350 A. D. and thence by English Heraldry to 1643 and thence by American History to 1910.

The following works were consulted by Prof. John W. P. Jenks during his researches for all information relative to the early history of the JENKS family. This in addition to his exhaustive personal researches in England and Wales seeking all available records of the family.

At the Apprentice Library.

"Letters on Welsh History," by Jenkins. #R2230.

"The Triads," (Welsh) by Samuels. in #R2230.

"History of Wales." by Warrington. #R2894.

"History of Wales." by Williams. #R2790.

"Dictionary of National Biography," by Stephen. #T3753.

"Dictionary of National Biography," by

"Book of the Princes of Wales," by Doran. #T51252.

A large number of other authors and books were examined without any beneficial results.

The Wolverton Manor, located in the parish of Eaton-under-Eywood, Shropshire, flourished in the reign of Edward 3rd A. D. 1350.

The town of Warwick, R. I., so called from the Earl of Warwick, President of Plymouth Council and in 1642 Admiral of England, whose ancestress was Elizabeth Jenkes of Shropshire Stock. Her portrait can be found in Holbein's Volumne of His Heads.

At the LENOX LIBRARY. New York City.

"History of Wales" by Sir John Price,-W. Wynne,-Caradoc of Lhancarvan.

At the ASTOR LIBRARY.

"Myvyrian Archaeology of Wales," by Owen Jones. #1155F.

"Cambrian Archaeological Association," #1150B.

"Typographical Dictionary of Wales," by S. Lewis. #1148B.

"History of Cambria," by H. Lhoyd. #1143A.

"History of Wales," by B. B. Woodward. #1145A.

"Cambro-Briton,"

At the MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

"The Country Families of the United Kingdom," by Edward Walford.

"Ency. of Chronology, History and Biography," by B. B. Woodward.

"Annals and Antiquities of the Counties and Families of Wales," Nicholas.

"Memoirs of the Civil Wars, etc. in Wales," by J. R. Phillips.

"Biographical Dictionary of Ancient Welshmen," by R. E. C. Williams.

"Giraldus Cambrencis."

At the Young Mens Christian Association Library.

"Cambrian Plutarch." by J. H. Parry. #920- P24.

"The Ancestral Dictionary," by J. O. Austin. #929- au 7.

"Gleanings Through Wales," by S. J. Pratt, #9140 - P88.

"Archaeologia Britannica," by E. Lhuyd. #420- L61.

Following the above researches in 1890, William J. Jenks then Secretary of the Board of Patent Control of the General Electric Co. of New York City, made an extensive tour of England and Wales, and while there examined carefully many records of Heraldry and works upon Wales bearing upon the history of the Jenks family in England and their ancestry there and in Wales. No one could have been better qualified for this work, and he has repeatedly stated to me that he checked Prof. Jenks' discoveries and statements herein made, and found them generally correct. He further added to previous work by his own discoveries and submitted to the writer a copy of a very old manuscript which he found with several others in the possession of a very old and prominent family in Wales containing a story of the life of Elystan Glodrydd, founder of the family 927-983 and in some detail. This with other material taken from old records adds much of interest to our knowledge of our ancient warrior ancestor, Elystan Glodrydd and his exploits, and final death in battle, - this, through the aid of a Welsh Scholar and interpretor in his employ.

Charles N. Jenks.

The name JENKS is of Welsh origin, signifying son of John, the spelling JENKS first appears in 1550.

Before the time when writing and afterwards printing was used to preserve records and titles to property ownership, genealogies were preserved on a principal of necessity. A man's pedigree was in reality his title deed, by which he claimed his birthright in the country.

Every one was obliged to show his descent through nine generations, in order to be acknowledged a free native, and by which right he claimed his portion of land in the community.

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1 AEDD MAWR. Was a follower of Hugh the Mighty, who led the nation the KYMRY over the Hazy Sea, (German Ocean) to Klydaw (Bretagne) and there dwelt. Originally they came from Deffrobani (The present site of Constantinople.)

2 PERDAIN. First established government, and net up royalty in the PRYDAIN isle of Britain. Before him there was no justice, no law but that of the strongest. He was called the "Pillar of the Nation," because he joined all the tribes of Britain in a federation, and by a convention was made monarch of the nation of Kymry and the island was called after him, Ynya, Prydain.

3 DYVNVARTH HEN, or Dyvnwal Moelmud. He framed an equitable system of mutual obligation between societies, princes and countries; so that the violence and lawlessness of princes was subdued, and right and justice obtained to everyone, great or small. He established the Molmutine Laws, long famous among the Saxons as well as in Wales. He was called the third "Pillar of the nation of the Kymry". He married Conwenna. He reigned 40 years and was buried in the Temple of Concord, in the City of Trinovantum.

4 BELI, or Belinus. He enforced his father's laws; built a great causeway with stone and mortar, from the sea of Cornwall to the shores of Caithness also one from Menevia to Hamo's Port.

5 GWRGANT VARVDRWCH. (Price gives Gwrgan.)

6 CUHELYN. (Price gives Cyhelyn.)

7 SITSYLTHT. (Price gives Seiffilt.)

8 DAN.

9 MORUDD. (Price gives Morydd.)

10 EHYDMOG. (Price gives Elidr.)

11 CERAINT. (Price gives Geraint.)

12 CADELL.

13 COEL.

14 POR. (Price gives Porrex.)

15 CERAINT. (Price gives Kereni.)

16 ANDRYW.

17 URIEN.

18 ITHEL.

19 CLYDOG.

20 CLYDUE.

21 GORWYST.

22 MEIRION.

23 BLEIDDYD.

24 CAFO.

25 OWAIN.

26 SITSYLHT.

27 ARTHVAEL.

28 EIDAL.

29 RHODAWR.

30 RHYDDERCH.

31 SAWL BENIFEL.

32 POR.

33 CAI.

34 MANOGAN.

From this period this pedigree is so corroborated by history and ancient manuscripts as to leave no doubt of their authenticity.

35 BELI MAWR. King of Britain.

36 LLUDD.

37 AFLECH.

38 AFALLACH.

39 OWAIN or OWEN

40 BRYCHWAIN.

41 DUWG or DUVE BRICHWAIN.

42 OMWEDD.

43 ANWERYD or AMWERID.

44 GWRDDOFYN.

45 DOFYN.

46 GWRDDOLI or GWRTHOLI.

47 DOLI.

48 GWRGAIN.

49 CAIN.

50 GWYDDWG or GWDDWG.

51 IAGO.

52 TEGID or TEJED.

53 PADARN BEISRUDD. He was ordained as St. Padarn by the Patriarch of Constantinople who gave him a gold embroidered cloak.

54 EDEYRN (female) Wedded Gwawl, Ferch Coel Godeboc, King.

55 CYNEDDA WLEDIG. A king whose reign extended between 340-389 A. D.

56 EINION YRTH. Reigning king between 389-443 A. D.

57 CASWALLON LAW-HIR. Reigned between 443-517 A. D. His sire name signified "Long headed."

58 MAELGWN GWYNEDD. Reigned from 517-560. He possessed all the majestic and graceful attributes of a great sovereign. Besides these personal advantages, his mental sagacity, his courtesy, bounty and valour, attracted general admiration. His military prowess, superior ability and political importance marked his as a fitting Pendragon for resolute men. In early life as a penance for misdeeds he assumed the habit of a monk, but soon broke his vows and resumed his royal rank. A band of slain and unburied marauders caused a plague, and the aged king resumed the habit of a monk and forsaking his palace at Penrhyn and Castle of Tyganwy, shut himself up in the church of Llanrhos, where he died of the malady from which he fled in 566 A. D.

59 RHUN. Was king between 560-586 A. D.

60 BELI. Reigned from 586 to 599 A. D.

61 IAGO. Reigning king between 599-603.

62 CADFAN. His reign began in 603 and in 607 a congress of Britons was

held at Chester and elected Cadfan, King of all Britain, he was esteemed as "The wisest and most highly estimated King of Kings". He died in 630.

63 CADWALLON. (The ending is also given as "lan", "lin", "lo".) King from 630-676. He refused to yield homage and tribute to the Angle: vanquished by King Edwin he fled to Ireland, gathered a strong force and returned home; he was slain at the battle of Denisburn in 634 (?). Married a daughter of Pybba, King of Mercia and his second wife was a West Saxon princess.

64 CADWALADER FENDIGAID, surnamed Bhendiged, or the Blessed. He was the noble last King of the British race that enjoyed the title of King of Britain; after him, the Welch, who were the most numerous remains of the Britains. A severe famine and raging pestilence sprung from the continued war, and he fled to his cousin Alan, King of Little Britain in France. While here he had a vision directing him to go to Rome. He did so, was received by Pope Sergius, and entered a monastery where he died in 688. He reigned between 676-688.

65 IDWALLO. Reigned from 688 until his death in 720.

66 RODRI MOLWYNOG or Roderic Malwinnoe, succeeded his father as King, reigning between 720-755.

67 CYNAN TINDAETHWY or Conan Triudoethwy, succeeded his father as King 755-817. He had no son and was succeeded by his daughter.

68 ESSYLLT or Eisylht, as Queen of Wales inherited the throne of Gwynedd in 817 and shared it with her husband Merfyn or Mervin, a royal chieftain, heir to the kingdom of Powys, who was slain in a battle at Cettyl A. D. 843.

69 RODRI MAWR or Roderic ll Mawre, surnamed "The Great." Married Anghared, daughter of Merick King of Gardigan. He succeeded to the throne in 843, and became in the right of his mother, King of Gwynedd and through the right of his father, King of Powys, also in his wife's right, King of Dehaubarth, thus uniting all Wales under one government in A. D. 844. He partitioned his kingdom among his three sons, on condition, that the two youngest sons, and their

successors should be subject to the Princes of North Wales, or to the posterity of the oldest son. He was slain while fighting an invading English army in 877. Six of his eight sons were dauntless warriors.

70 CADELL, Prince of South Wales or Dehaubarth reigned between 877-907 the date of his death.

71 HYWEL DHA or Howel The Good. Dha, signifies "The Good", for such is the honorable title his countrymen have conferred upon him. He succeeded his father in 907 and immediately undertook a series of reforms including the formation of a code of laws comprising, 1st. The Royal Prerogative; 2nd. The Civil Jurisprudence; 3rd. The Criminal Law. Before the new code was prepared he made a journey in 926 to Rome to examine the ancient Roman laws. Afterwards he called a council of the six wisest and most discreet men in Wales, and 140 ecclesiastics, together with the chiefs of tribes and persons of noble rank. The result of this convention was submitted to a committee of thirteen, including the distinguished Blegwryd, chancellor of Llandar. Their work was read, approved, and ratified by the National convention, three copies were made in Cymraeg, and King Howel directed the Archbishop of Mynyn to publish a sentence of excommunication against all persons refusing to obey its laws. In 930 he again visited Rome and obtained the ratification of the new code of laws by the Pope. Contemporary writers style him, "The chief and glory of the Britons" and time has failed to dim the calm halo which encircles his name. He died in 948.

72 OWEN. Succeeded his father in 948 and released the throne to his son. Died in 987.

73 ENEON. Died before his father. His daughter GWENLLIAN, married.

74 ELYSTAN GLODRYDD, born in 927; killed in 983. He was the reigning Prince of the Fourth Royal Tribe of Wales, and Prince of Ferlix. One record reads "The bandlet-wearing Prince," held their territory between the Wye and the Severn rivers, immediately of the English Sovereign". That is to say they paid their tax or tribute direct to the English Sovereign.

75 CADWGAN, Prince or Lord of Ferlix, married Eva; daughter of GWRGANT, Son of Ithel, and sister of JESTYN, head of the Fifth Royal Tribe.

76 LLYWELYN, Lord of Buallt and Radnor, married Joan, daughter of Sir Aaron.

77 SISSYLIT, Lord of Buallt, married MARGARET, daughter of Einon.

78 PHILIP.)
79 DAVID.)
80 RHYS.)
81 JOHN.)

Note: Prof. J. W. P. Jenks said records showed these men in the direct line father to son but that it was too illegible for translation. My brother W. J. Jenks attempted to get more detail of these men but aside of the proof of being in the direct line of father to son could not make out the detail which was worn and faded in the records he examined.
Charles N. Jenks.

82 JENKYN CAMBRAY, of Wolverton (Manor) in the Parish of Eaton-under-Eywood. Shropshire, England; married Dorothy, third daughter and co-heiress of Sir Walter Collyng (Knight) of Church Stretton.

83 JOHN JENKES, (or some writers give it Robert). About A. D. 1350) of Wolverton, married ALICE, daughter of Stephen Bowdler. This was the first ancestor to take the name JENKS. It was during the reign of Edward 3rd.

84 THOMAS JENKES, married a daughter of John Midleton.

85 JOHN JENKES, married a daughter of Hugh Higins of Wolverton.

86 ROLAND JENKES, (or Rowland) of Wolverton married Mary, daughter and heir of Richard Moore.

87 JOHN JENKES, of Wolverton, married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Leighton of the "Cotes".

88 WILLIAM J. JENKES, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Adams, of Clayton.

89 FRANCIS JENKES of Aston, married Anna, daughter of William Downes.

90 ARTHUR JENCKES, born in England. Iron worker and now commoner so birth, life and marriage obscure but father of Joseph.

91 JOSEPH JENKS, born in England in 1602 and died in America in 1683.

E X P L A N A T I O N S

concerning the

J E N K S F A M I L Y A N D I T S C O A T O F A R M S.

FIRST.- According to the indefatigable researches of Rev. Dr. William Jenks, of Boston, Mass., during the first half of the 19th century, the family are of Welsh descent; and as that Nation are known to have preserved the traditions of their Ancestors more tenaciously than any other people in Europe, by careful enquiry and long correspondence with Welsh Statisticians he satisfied himself of the correctness of the fore-going line of ancestry, from about the date of 150 B. C. to the year 1350 A. D. through credible tradition, and thence by the archives of Welsh and English Heraldry to 1643, and thence by American History to the later generations.

The Welsh historians give long lists of pretended Princes commencing hundreds of years before Christ. Certain it is that the Welsh people are to this day descendants of the Aborigines of the Island of Great Britain without intermixture to any considerable extent with the English or any other people.

To the time of Edward 1st in the 13th century they were divided into separate Tribes, each tribe having its own independant Prince.

History has shown that from 927 A. D. to 983 Elystan Glodrydd was Prince of the Fourth Royal Tribe, and the line of his direct descent continues to about 1350 A. D. when Wales having been fully conquered by the English through chicanery, the Jenks family removed to England and about three hundred years after (1643) the American ancestor migrated to the New England Colonies.

SECOND.- As to the Coat of Arms, the shield and its motto, M O D O D O M I N U S A D S I T was adopted by the Welsh Prince, and as the boar is the bravest animal recognized in Heraldry must signify unusual bravery on the part of the possessor.

When the family removed to England its Royal Lineage ceased with the subjugation of Wales -- but the records of English Heraldry state that in 1582 Queen Elizabeth conferred a title upon Sir George Jenks, who adopted for his Coat of Arms the ancient Welsh one of the Family, and added a Crest with the motto of the crest, A U D A X A T C A U T U S.

The following is a description of the Coat of Arms, which may be read in Heraldic language only by omitting the parenthetical expressions or, by omitting the Heraldic technicalities it may be read in common English.

He beareth argent (white), three boars' heads couped (out off close) sable (in black), a chief sable indented. Crest, a lion rampant (in a fighting attitude), regardant (looking back), or (in yellow), holding defiantly a boar's head in his paws, sable (in black). Motto of the shield, "P R O V I D E D T H E L O R D F A V O R S". Motto of the Crest, "B O L D B U T C A U T I O U S".

COLOR PLAN. Gold scroll on the outer edge of shield. Top field royal purple. Lower field white. Boar's heads black.

Crest. Lion gold. Boar head black. Bar under lion's foot, gold and royal purple. Top and bottom mottos, black letters in black outline.

E X P L A N A T I O N S.

The scope of this record is not to include all persons bearing the name of Jenks, Jenkes, Jencks or Jenckes, but only the direct line of descent from Joseph Jenks, Senior, who came from England, down to one Nicholas Jenks of the Fifth generation, after which the side lines will be carried out as complete as is possible. The so called register system is adopted. The figures preceding a name is the register number of that name for identification afterwards. The number following a name is its generation number, hence all names having the same following number belong to the same generation. The roman numerals preceding a name indicates the order of birth in that family.

GENEALOGY

OF THE

JENKS FAMILY.

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JOSEPH JENKS, Sr. having migrated in 1643 and by his second marriage in America, became the ancestor of a new line, this record will follow out the line of the descendants of that one of two sons by his first marriage left in England, with orders to follow the Father when he should become of age, and who became the progenitor of the direct ancestry in America, of Nicholas Jenks (5) of Pawtucket, R. I. and later of North Brookfield, Mass.

He settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, and by a second marriage with Elizabeth who d. July 1679, he had three sons and two daughters and became the ancestor of the New Hampshire and Maine families. His most noted descendant by his second marriage, is Rev. William Jenks D. D. of Boston, Mass. and editor of the "Comprehensive Commentary" published about the year 1835.

FIRST GENERATION

1 (91) JOSEPH JENKES (I) Sr. b. in England 1602; d. in Lynn, March 1683:

m. his first wife died in England. - name unknown.

Children

2 i Joseph (2) b. in England 1632, went to Massachusetts in 1645.

3 ii George (2) b. in England, went to Virginia. He, Joseph (1) migrated from Colnbrook, in Buckinghamshire, England, 17 miles West of London in 1643, himself a widower and leaving in England his two sons, Joseph, Jr. and George, he settled in Lynn, Mass.

From recently discovered records of the career of Joseph, Sr. it is learned that he remained in Lynn and became the acknowledged head of the iron-smelting and foundry business; and the first builder of machinery in this country, having introduced the idea, first granted by act of Parliament in 1625, of protection for the manufacture of improvements, by petition to the Government of Massachusetts Bay. In 1646 he took out patents for mill improvements; the first patents granted in America. In 1647 he built a forge and entered upon the manufacture of his improved scythes, for which he took out a patent May 23, 1655. The improvement consisted in narrowing and lengthening the blade, and in bending the snath from its straight form into that of the present double curve, for which improvement his biographer says, "He should be held in grateful remembrance."

In 1652 he made the dies for the first coinage of colonial money, the "Pine Tree Shilling". In 1654 he built a fire engine to the order of the "Selectmen of Boston" - the first built in this country. In 1667 he sought aid to establish a wire manufactory.

In his foundry was cast the first "hollow ware" in this country and there is said to be preserved in Salem the first, or one of the first that came out of the mould, which was exhibited at the Columbian Exposition. He was accounted "a man of great genius."

Respecting the Iron Works, which were the first established in America, the following is taken from a book entitled "lin, her Jewels", History of Lynn, Mass. by A. Lewis.

"In 1643 Robert Bridges took Bog iron ore found in Saugus to London, and succeeding in forming a company called "Company of Undertakers for the Iron Works", consisting of the following wealthy and enterprising gentlemen; Lionel Copley, Esq., of Yorkshire; Nicholas Bond, Esq., and Thomas Pury, Esq. of Westminster; John Becx, and William Beauchamp, merchants; William Hicocke, citizen; Thomas Foley, Gentleman, John Pococke and William Becke, Merchant Tailors, all of London; William Greenhill of Stepney, Middlesexshire, and Thomas Weld, Minister of Gateshead, Durhamshire.

The Company advanced £ 1000 to commence the work. Land was bought of Thomas Hudson, on the West bank of Saugus River. The village of the Iron Works was called Hammersmith, from that place in England where many of the workmen came from. Joseph Jenks came from Hammersmith. He was a machinist at the Iron foundry, and by his hands the first models were made, and the first castings taken of many domestic implements and iron tools. The first article cast was a small iron pot, capable of containing about one quart. Thomas Hudson procured this famous old Iron pot and it remained in the Hudson family until after 1844".

This pot is in the Essex Institute in Salem, Mass.

Joseph Wormwood, brother-in-law of Joseph Jenks was warned in 1668 to leave Concord, Mass., as the iron works were not paying.

--See County Court files.--

S E C O N D G E N E R A T I O N

Joseph b. 1622 d. 1717 m. Esther Ballard.

He was born in Buckingshire, England and later (1645) followed his father to Lynn, Mass., and from thence he removed to Rhode Island. 25 March 1669 he was granted land on either side of the Pawtuxet river in Warwick, for the erection of his sawmill, and he, for this favor from the purchasers of Warwick, agreed to let them have boards at 4 s. 6 d. the hundred, and all other sawn work to be equivalent to same. The grant included trees of pine, chestnut or oak, within half a mile on each side of the river; that is floatable; the proprietors reserving the right to cut what they need. Being a forge-man by trade, as were his Welsh ancestry for many generations before him, and finding not sufficient water power in Warwick, he removed to Pawtucket, R. I. at the age of 39. 10 October 1671, he bought sixty acres, more or less, with right of commorage, of Abel Potter and wife Rachel, said land belonging formerly to Rachel's grandfather, Ezekiel Holliman, and being situated near Pawtucket Falls. He erected a Saw-mill also built a forge for manufacturing iron, and had the same burnt by the Indians in 1675-6 during King Philip's War. Nelson Jencks of Woonsocket, R. I. has a picture of the falls, and Jenks Mill, also copy of deed to the land. He and his four sons, Joseph, Nathaniel, Ebenezer and William, built a dwelling house for each of themselves, and in 1820 they were all in tolerable good repair. The last was taken down in 1877, and must have been about 200 years old.

1677 we find him a Freeman. 1 July 1679 he was taxed 12 s. 6 d. including his saw-mill. 1679-80 and 91 he was a deputy. He and two others on 5 May 1680, were empowered by the Assembly to purchase a bell "for the public use of the Colony, and for giving notice or signifying the several times or sittings of the Assembly's and Courts of Trials and General Councils". The bell was purchased for £ 3-10s of Freelove Arnold, dau. of Gov. Benedict Arnold. Previously the Assembly had been called together by beat of drum. Between 1680 and 1698 for thirteen of these years he was Assistant in the General Assembly. During 1681, he was Counsellor of the Governor. There is a record of his having land laid out 14 November 1683.

1 September 1687 he and his sons, Joseph and Nathaniel, were taxed together 12 shillings.

6 August 1688, his ratable estate consisted of 6 acres planting land, 2 acres meadow, 8 acres pasture, 30 acres wild pasture, rights in land, 4 oxen, 7 cows, 2 steers, heifer, yearling, 2 mares, colt, swine, sheep and saw-mill.

We find a record of the current price of produce at this time, viz: "Port 3 d. or 2½ cents per pound. Peas 3 s. 6 d. or 29½ cents per bushel, Wool 12 d. or 8 cents per pound, Butter 6 d. or 4½ cents per pound, Corn 3 s. or 25 cents per bushel, Oats 2 s. 3 d. or 28½ cents per bushel; 40 shillings of New England currency was equal to 30 shillings English currency. A marked contrast to prices in New York City, May 1906, viz: Pork 11 cents, Wool 25 cents uncleaned, 70 cents cleaned, Butter 25 cents, Corn 58 cents, Oats 45 cents.

30 Jan. 1690 he and five others, and the Deputy Governor wrote a letter to William and Mary, congratulating them on their accession to the throne, and informing them that since the deposition of Sir Edward Andros, the former government under the charter had been reassumed.

They also mentioned the seizure of Andros, in Rhode Island in his flight from Massachusetts, and his return to that colony on the demand of Massachusetts. It is recorded that his will was dated 21 October 1708 and proved 11 February 1717 Executrix, wife Esther, but she declining by reason of age and inability, her son Nathaniel acted at her request, and by appointment of the Courts. He confirmed deeds already made to sons, Joseph, Nathaniel, Ebenezer and William. To sons Nathaniel, Ebenezer and William, other land was given and if any further division was made by proprietors of Providence, then the four sons were to share equally. To sons, Ebenezer and William, the coal house and his half of the forge, at death of himself and wife. To loving wife Esther, all the rest of movable estate, cattle and chattels, for life, and what remains at her death she to dispose of to children or grand-children as she sees fit.

Inventory - £36, 19 s., 8 d. - viz: wearing apparel, 6 pewter platters, 3 plates, 3 basins, 5 porringers, etc., brass and ironware, old books, money due for cow sold £4, 10 s., another cow unsold £4, 10 s., warming pan, smoothing iron, old bible, stillyards etc. He died in the 85th year of his age, and it is probable that he was the first white man buried in Pawtucket.

T H I R D G E N E R A T I O N

3 JOSEPH, 3rd. b. in 1656; d. 15th June 1740; m. Alice Dexter who died, then he m. Martha Holmes Brown in 1689.

He was of large stature and well proportioned, standing in his stocking feet, seven feet and two inches, a man of a most grave and commanding aspect. He was of great utility in the defence of Providence, R. I. against the surrounding Indians, gradually ascending from an Ensign to be Chief Colonel of the Colony.

In 1708 he was one of the committee to settle the Northern line between this Colony and the Province of Massachusetts. On the 10th of August 1719 he was commissioned by the Governor and Company of Rhode Island an agent to prosecute before the King in London, England, or any authority, or Judicature that may be committed, the Colony's appeal against the Colony of Connecticut's further encroachments upon said Colony. He had success in the business, and was then chosen Deputy Governor for a number of years. In 1727 he was chosen Governor of the Colony and served five years. He was solicited to serve the Colony longer as their Governor, but he told them with heartfelt gratitude that he could perceive that his natural faculties were abating, and if he should continue in the service a few years longer as their Governor it is possible he should not be sensible of their decay, and in that case perhaps he might not be willing to resign. He, therefore, deemed it most beneficial for the Colony and prudent for himself to resign in season. He was a distinguished member in church as well as in state.

While in London he not only attended at Court, but also at church, and ascertained the true state of all the Baptist churches, both general and particular in London. He was blind for several years before he died, and "as a shock of corn cometh in in his season", so likewise he came to his grave in a full age, upon which is the following epitaph.

In memory
of ye
Hon. JOSEPH JENKS Esq.,
late Governor of ye Colony of Rhode Island.
Deceased ye
15. day of June A. D. 1740 in ye 84th year of his age. He was much beloved and honored in life, and lamented in death. He was a bright example of virtue in every stage of life.

He was a zealous Christian, a wise and prudent Governor, a kind husband and a tender father, a good neighbor and a faithful friend, grave, sober, pleasant in behavior, beautiful in person, with a soul truly great, heroic and sweetly tempered.

(4) Obadiah, b. 1692 d. m. Anna Blake, first wife.
He resembled his Father in stature and was an exceeding strong man.
m. May 21, 1713, Alice, daughter of Zachariah and Mary (Baker) Eddy. (Alice b. Jan. 5, 1694, Middleboro, Mass. a descendant of Wm. Eddy, A. M., Trinity College, Cambridge, England.)

(5) Obadiah, Jr. (b. probably at Glocester, R. I. as he was made a freeman there in 1736. This was also given as the place where his parents were married). m. Merebah Herendeen, Dec. 15, 1734, Glocester, R. I. d. Sept. 13, 1750 in the town of Gloster, R. I. His will and the inventories of his estate are on file at Chepachet, R. I. In his will he mentions his five minor motherless children whom he leaves to the care of his father, Capt. Obadiah and his brother Ebenezer.

(6) William, b. July 26, 1735. (The oldest child) m. Feb. 14, 1757 Huldah Dillingham (b. Feb. 21, 1740). Moved to Salisbury, Mass. (now Conn.) 1762.

The following record of William's children is in the handwriting of Job Jenks. This record is in the possession of Rev. Edwin H. Jenks, Omaha, Neb. The same information was given me (L. E. J.) when a boy by Caroline Eells and Martha Eells, descendants of Job's daughter Olive.

1- Obadiah	b.	Aug. 19, 1758	
2- Merabah	b.	Aug. 19, 1760	
3- Watestill	b.	Aug. 29, 1762	
4- Job	b.	June 14, 1764	m. early in 1783 Ruhama Moon, a Conn. girl. Ruhama b. 1764.
5- William	b.	May 11, 1768	
6- Elizabeth	b.	May 14, 1776	
7- Nathan	b.	July 11, 1779	m. Jane Bushnell

(5) Ebenezer, b. d.
He was a gallant in the former French War with the rank of Captain.

(6) Sylvanus, b. d. m.

(7) Sarah, b. d. m. Hon. James Fenner, Governor.

(5) Jeremiah, b. d. He was a military man, a Captain.

(4) Catharine, b. d. m. William Turpin.
The record says she was of great age and had lived with her husband about twenty-seven years, within which time, they kept a Public House, when and where the General Assembly and Courts of the Colony and County, and Town Meetings were frequently held. After which she was refined in the furnace of affliction. She was a widow of about four score and eight years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayer night and day.

(4) Nathaniel, b. d. m. Catharine Scott.
He was famous for strength. He lifted on his hands and knees upon his back, a stick of timber judged to be 3000 lbs. weight. He was a Captain in the Militia. In his day an occurence took place worthy of memory. There was a strong high board fence erected across the West abutment of Pawtucket Bridge, with a gate and lock and key thereunto to prevent people from bringing the small pox into the Colony from Boston. In a very dark night a certain man came to Capt. Jenks, who was keeper of the gate and wanted to get his horse through the fence. The Capt. told the stranger he could not be admitted, because the bridge was taken up to the Eastward of the fence. Whereupon the man said he had ridden from the Eastward to the fence and did not discover the bridge to be taken up, neither could he be persuaded that it was so. The Capt. also could not believe the report. But upon ocular demonstration they were both convinced that he had ridden over the Falls on a single stringpiece fourteen inches wide and forty feet long, and twenty feet above the Falls.

His wife was not a member of the church; but was a virtuous woman and expressed an humble desire to touch the hem of His garment; and we hope and trust she has been made whole. She died in her 96th year.

(5) Anna, b. d. m. Jonathan Foster.

(5) Martha, b. d. m. David Harris, Esq. Counsellor.

(5) John, b. d. m. Anna, daughter of Peter Ballou.

(5) Catharine, b. d. m. John Olney.

(5) Joseph, b. d. m. Sarah Tingley.
He was an honest man and member of the Baptist church in Pawtucket.

(4) Martha, b. d. m. 1st. John Andrews, 2nd. Peleg Cook.

(5) Hon. John Andrews, Judge of Admiralty.

(5) Patience, child of second marriage. m. Judge Arnold.

(6) Hon. Peleg Arnold, Chief Justice of Supreme Court.

(4) Lydia, b. d. m. Christopher Mason.

(4) John, b. d. m. Sarah Fenner.
He was a Doctor of Physic, and an accomplished gentleman. He went with his honorable Father to England to perfect himself in his profession, but alas, he caught the small pox and died in London.

(5) Joseph, b. d. m.

(5) Benjamin, b. d. m.
He was a meek, pious christian, a member of the Baptist church in Swanzey.

(4) Mary, b. d. m. 1st. John Harendren, 2nd. Capt. John Harrington.

(4) Esther, b. d. m. Benj. Bucklin.

(3) Elizabeth, b. d. m. Samuel Tefft.

(3) Sarah, b. d. m. Nathaniel Brown.

(3) Nathaniel, b. 1662; d. 12th Aug. 1723; m. Hannah Bosworth.
He was famous for strength in many ways, and at different exercises. He lifted the great forge hammer of five hundred pounds weight, together with seven men thereon and the handle thereof; one man whereof lifted up under the draw-beam with all his might to reach against him. A proof of great, very great strength indeed. He was very active in the defense of the town against the Indians. In the Military line he ascended to the rank of Major of the Colony. He had 5 daughters and 3 sons by first wife. m. Mary Slack of Scituate and had three sons and 5 daughters (See George E. Jenks History attached)

(5) Mary, b. d. m. Robert Young.

(5) Jonathan, b. d. m. Hannah Pullen (10 children)
(See George E. Jenks History 1834 attached)

(5) Elizabeth, b. d. m. James Young.

(5) Jeremiah, b. 29 Nov. 1739; d. m. 25 Feb. 1776 Lucy Whipple.
Arrived Newport, N. H. July 4th, 1776 with an ox team and goods (8 children) (See account in George E. Jenks History attached)

(6) Thomas Bowen, Son of Jeremiah, b. 8 Oct. 1786; d.
m. Abigail W. Allen of Cumberland. (See Geo. E. Jenks History 1834 attached)

(7) Thomas Allen Jenckes, b. 2 Nov. 1819; d.
m. Mary Jane Fuller. He was a member of Congress and the acknowledged author of the Civil Service Reform Bill, and of the National Bankrupt Law. Had 7 children. (See History by George E. Jenks 1834 attached.)

(5) Jerusha, b. d. m. Eliam Durfey.

(5) Rebecca, b. d. m. Jeremiah Scott.

(5) Hannah, b. d. m. Benjamin Down (5 children)

(4) Nathaniel, b. 1699; d. 13th Dec. 1739; m. Lydia Arnold, 28 Feb. 1723. He was a very tall man -- hence was distinguished from his cousin Nathaniel, by the name of Long Nathaniel.

(5) Martha, b. d. m. Abraham Scott.

(5) Stephen, b. d. m.
He was a liberal man especially to the widow and orphan. He presided at the business of his town for about thirty years. He held the rank of Captain in the militia.

(5) Lydia, b. d. m. Christopher Brown. His second marriage 29 March 1730 was with Bridget Black, who died in the 89th year of her age. She was a useful Doctress in her day; she was a zealous member of the Congregational church in Providence, R. I.

(5) Joanna, b. d. m. Daniel Branch.

(5) Ichabod, b. d. m.
He was a man of sound sense and judgment. Of great stature and strength, whose height was six feet seven inches. He was a man of might and famous with the scythe and sickle. He lifted from the ground, and put upon its carriage a cannon that six men had tried in vain to lift.

(5) James, b. d. m.)
) Twins. Both lived and died in Sackville, N.S. The Jenks family around Portland, Me. came from this son, James.
(5) Jemima, b. d. m.)

(4) Hannah, b. d. m. Banfield Capron (See Capron Gen.)

(4) Elizabeth, b. d. m. John Owen.

(3) Esther, b. d. m. Samuel Millord.

(3) Joanna, b. d. m. Major Sylvanus Scott.

(4) Sarah, b. d. m. Hon. Stephen Hopkins, Governor.

(3) Ebenezer, b. 1669; d. 14th Aug. 1726; m. Mary Butterworth.
He was born at Pawtucket, in the township of Providence. Ordained in 1719, when he took on himself the care of the church in Providence (the First Baptist), and wherein he continued until his decease. He was a man of parts and real piety. He refused every public office, except the Surveyorship of the Property of Providence, which required no great attention nor time.

(4) Sarah, b. d. m. Dea. C. Esten.

(4) Ebenezer, b. 17th Sept. 1699; d. Nov. 1786; m. Experience Martin.
He impartially discharged the duties of a Justice of the Peace for

many years. He was also a peace-maker and a member of the Baptist church for many years. His wife lived with him for 61 years, and died aged 90 years. She was an ancient Mother in Israel. Nine children in all. He kept a store in Providence, R. I., also made men's clothes.

(5) Hopestill, b. d. m. Elissa Norton.

(5) Nathan, b. d. m. Sarah Stewart. Descendants live in New York City.

(5) Phebe, b. d. m. William Jenks. Worked in store with his father-in-law - Grandsire of Nelson Jencks.

(5) Mary, b. d. m.

(5) Waite, b. d. m. C. Brooks.

(4) Daniel, b. 18th Oct. 1701; d. 7th July 1774; m. Joanna Scott.
He was a very liberal man, hence he gave $1000. towards founding the college in Providence. He also gave $1000. towards building the Baptist Meeting-house. He was truly a man of great influence, both in church and State. He might have said as Job, "Unto me men gave ear and waited and kept silence at my counsel". His wife died 13th Mar. 1796; aged 93, a member of the Baptist Church over 50 years.

(3) Mary, b. d. m. Daniel Jenks, who was half brother to Mary's father, (2) Joseph. Had 1 dau., Mary by this mar.

(3) William, b. 1674; d. 2nd Oct. 1765; m. Patience Sprague.
He was an industrious man and honest, of sound sense and judgment. His talents were manifest in the Colony. He was one of the Committee to settle the line between the Colony of Rhode Island and the Colony of Connecticut, pursuant to the decree of the King and Council. He was Chief Justice of the Providence County Court at the first organization thereof, and President therein for a number of years. He was a pious member of the Baptist church. He died in his 91st year.

(4) Mercy, b. d. m. Thomas Comstock.
She was about 90 years old when she died. She did not believe in an outward adorning of plaiting the hair, of wearing gold, or putting on of apparel; but she appeared without any sneer to be adorned with a meek and quiet spirit.

(4) Esther, b. d. m. John Comstock.

(5) Samuel, b. d. m.

(6) Martha, b. d. m. Richard Eddy.

(7) Samuel, b. d. m.
He was Secretary of State of Rhode Island.

(4) Suzannah, b. d. m. Joseph Bucklin.

(4) William, b. d. 1765; m. Esther Tingley.
He was a man of good sense and a worthy Justice of the Peace. He kept a respectable Tavern in Smithfield, R. I.

(5) William, b. d. m. Phebe Jenks.

(5) Lydia, b. d. m. Andrew Dexter.

(5) Christopher, b. d. m. Hannah Whipple.

(5) Joseph, b. d. m. Susanna Wilkinson.

(5) Amphillas, b. d. m. Samuel Wright.

(5) John, b. d. m. Anna Bishop.

(5) Patience, b. d. m. Joseph Green.

(5) Esther, b. d. m. unmarried.

(5) Peggy, b. d.

(4) William. We find the following record of his life:
16 June 1713 he was taxed 14 s. 6 d.
Oct. 1720 he, having expended £15 upon Pawtucket Bridge, the Assembly, upon his petition, granted piece of land to him north of Blackstone River, in angle of said river, providing that on a survey of the same, if it be worth more than £15 or £16, he to pay over-plus to the General Treasury. The Surveyors reported 33 Acres and 53 poles, worth 10 s. an acre. 1727-28-29-38 he was a deputy.

February 1731 he was appointed on a committee with six others, to meet the Massachusetts commissioners, to make, and finally settle, and ascertain the east boundary of this colony. October 1731 he was allowed £100 by Assembly, to build half of a bridge at Pawtucket Falls. 1734-35 he was one of the four Justice of Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Providence.

February 1739 he was appointed by Assembly to repair the half of great bridge over Pawtucket River (the part built by this colony) and was granted £50 for the purpose. The bridge had been partly carried away by the late great flood of water. This year he was Deputy from Smithfield.

2 Dec. 1740 he was appointed on a committee to represent and manage the affairs of this colony before the commissioners, to hear and determine the boundaries between Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

28 October 1765 his estate Inventorial, £72, 8 s. 6 d. presented by Jonathan Jenckes and widow Mary. 2 cows, 2 swine, large bible and 12 other books, warming pan, pewter, silver cup, 4 silver spoons, gun, etc. Jonathan Jenckes appeared before the Town Council, and read the will of his father, and the widow Mary Jenckes, being present, did not accept of it. Stephen Jenckes, a witness, testified that the deceased was in his right mind.

(4) Doctor John, son of Judge William was an excellent Physician. m. Rachel Lawrence. He acquired great wealth and had fourteen children -- twelve of whom grew to man and womanhood, and became heads of families. His six sons together measured thirty-six feet, and he used to say he had thirty-six feet of sons. Lived at Smithfield - Descendants now scattered widely.

(5) Edmund, b. d. m. Keziah Olney.

(5) Henry, b. d. m. Amity Harris.

(5) Jesse, b. d. m. Mary Smith.

(5) John, b. d. m.

(5) Thomas, b. d. m. Patience Smith.

(5) Mary, b. d. m. David Smith.

(5) William b. d. m.

(5) Lawrence, b. d. m. S. Battles.

(5) Sarah, b. d. m. Dr. I. Comstock.

(5) Caroline, b. d. m. Jason Angell.

(5) Patience, b. d. m. Daniel Comstock

(5) Isaac. b. d. m. Ruth Lapham

(5) Lydia, b. d. m. Daniel Lapham.

(5) Abigail b. d. m. Jacob Comstock.

(4) Mehitable, b. d. m. Thomas Olney.

(3) Abigail, b. d. m. Thomas Whipple.

The family of Jenks in general from the first settlement to the present day have sustained the character of an honest and civil people.

(4) Patience, b. d. m. John Olney, Esq.
She was about 80 years old when she died, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

F O U R T H G E N E R A T I O N.

4 JONATHAN, b. 4th July 1707; d. 1st April 1782; m. 1st Lydia Jenks.

He was an industrious, honest man, and a sound pillar of the church for many years. His house was the house of prayer, wherein you might freely and frequently hear the sound of the gospel. His second wife, Freelove Winsor who was the Great Granddaughter of Roger Williams, being greatly disturbed in her nervous system, by the marching and counter-marching with the martial music accompanying the soldiers during the Revolutionary War, especially the regiments under Lafayette, who were encamped one winter near their residence, he moved to North Brookfield, Mass. where he died in the 75th year of his age.

He purchased in 1777 a part of the original Brookfield Grant No. 71 for his residence, and he and his son Nicholas in 1782 leased a part of Grant No. 32 whereon they built a dam, put in a Smelting plant Forge and iron works, they carried on the business of washing and smelting iron ore for twenty yrs., but it proved unprofitable. He also prosecuted the blacksmiths business on a large scale, having two trip hammers and a grindstone operated by water.

(5) Hannah, b. 6 Sept. 1731, d. m.

(5) Nehemiah, b. 10 Nov. 1732. d. m.

(5) Sarah, b. 1734. d. m. Samuel Peck.

(5) Susanna, b. 19 Jan. 1736; d. m.

(5) Gideon, b. 1740; d. 17 Dec. 1789; m. Lucy Hunt.

(6) Oliver, b. d. m. Lydia Peck.

(6) Daniel, b. d. m. Sophia Cargill.

(6) Benjamin, b. d. m.

(7) Benjamin)
)Both in New York City.
(7) Thomas C. (?))

(6) Eli, b. d. m. Patty Stevens.

(6) Jonathan, b. d. m. Mary Read.

(6) William, b. d. m. Mrs. Sarah Austin.

(6) Mercy, b. 1762; d. 1848; m. Nathaniel Waite.

(6) Thankful, b. d. m. Leonard Winslow.

(5) Esther, b. 1742; d. m.

(5) Asa, b. 1744; d. m.

(5) Jonathan, b. 30 Aug. 1746; d. 31st Jan. 1787; m. Cynthia Brown. He was a man of letters, bred a merchant, and became a Justice of the Supreme Court. He transplanted himself and family to Winchester, Mass. His descendants live in Pawtucket, also St. Johnsbury, Vermont and in Ohio.

(6) Nehemiah, b. d. m.

(6) Brown, b. d. m.

(6) Cynthia, b. d. m.

2nd marriage, about the year 1750 to Freelove Winsor, b. 15th Oct. 1720; d. 26th July 1803. She was a Great Granddaughter of Roger Williams, and for many years a member of the Baptist Church.

NOTE -- Joshua Winsor came from England in 1636 or 1637, and had a son Samuel who married Mercy, daughter of ROGER WILLIAMS.

(5) NICHOLAS, b. 13th June 1752; d. 23rd June 1837; m. 16th Dec. 1773. Adah Angell, b. 16th June 1752; d. 3 Sept. 1842. He moved with his father to North Brookfield, Mass. during the Revolutionary War and remained till his death on the same farm. He was an industrious and honest yeoman. His death at the age of 85 was hastened by a fall from a wagon as it was turning around on a siding of a hill. Till that accident he never had a Doctor in his life.

(6) Ruth, b. 13th Dec. 1776; d. 15th June 1820; m. Amos Harrington, Sept. 1798. Children - Rhoda
Thompson, b. 1803 - moved to N.Y.(Lyons)
Amos, b. 1805
Charles b. 1807
Caroline, b. 1811

(6) William, b. 30th March 1779; d. 17 April 1780.

(6) Rhoda, b. 8th Feb. 1780; d. 16 September 1782.

(6) CHARLES JENKS, (Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. in Brookfield, 2 Nov. 1782; d. 16 Sept. 1858; m. Nov. 1821, Deborah Adams of Brookfield, b. 8 Aug. 1797; d. 21 March 1877.
Children.

(7) Horace b. Nov. 1822; d. 23 Oct. 1837.

(7) Charles Emory, b. 9 Dec. 1824; d. m. 8 Sept. 1856, Mrs. Mary Bartlett Preble (Nee Patten) b. Cherryfield, Maine, 11 Apr. 1822; Child, Charles Emory (8) b. North Brookfield, 17 Dec. 1859; d. 23 October 1865.

(7) Adah Angell, b. 26 Dec. 1827; d. m. 13 Jan. 1877, Wm. B. Cash, a Master Mariner of Groton, Ct.; b. Nantucket, 12 Apr. 1806; d. Groton, Ct., 17 June 1885. No issue.

(7) Nancy Batcheller, b. 4 Sept. 1830; d. 22 March 1859; unmarried.

He remained upon the farm to which his father succeeded, until his death. Like his father he was an industrious and honest yeoman; a man attending to his own affairs and lived in peace and friendship with all his neighbors and with the assurance that he had never knowingly wronged a man out of a dollar. Thus a cheering hope in the Son of God illumed his pathway to the tomb with more than natural brightness.

(6) HERVEY JENKS, (Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. Brookfield, 16 June 1787; d. Hudson, N. Y. 15 July 1814; m. 1 Dec. 1812, Hannah Stoughton, of West Stockbridge, Mass. She m. (2) George Jackson.

Child

(7) Lavinia H. Jenks, b. Hudson, N. Y. 25 Oct. 1813; d. m. (1) Marvin Harmen m. (2) James H. Foy. In the Spring of 1906 Mrs. Foy was residing at 62 Dwight Street, New Haven, Conn. Her husband and herself amassed a fortune in manufacturing the Foy Corset. One of her inventions.

(7) GEORGE HENRY JENKS, (Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. Southbridge, Mass., 1 March, 1828; d. Middleboro, Mass., 13 May 1897; m. 1 Jan. 1857 (8) Hannah L. Clark, b. May 24, 1835. d.

(8) Harriet Jenks, b. 13th Oct. 1842; d.

(8) Lavinia Newton, b. 9th May 1845; d. m. Thomas Gilson Coffin.

(8) Charles Whipple, b. 21st Dec. 1847; d. m.

(6) NICHOLAS JENKS, Doctor, (Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. Brookfield, 4 Feb. 1785; d. Middleboro, Mass., 26 Dec. 1869; m. 17 Oct. 1809, Betsey (6) Potter, b. Brookfield, 4 May 1787; d. Middleboro 7 Aug. 1859. A physician first in West Boylston, Mass. 1811. In 1820 removed to Southbridge, Mass. where for 16 years he was a very prominent and successful practitioner.

Children

(7) Angeline Angell, b. 10 Aug. 1810.

(7) William, b. West Boylston, Mass., 6 April 1812; d. aged seven days. The result of a mistake made by the nurse in giving medicine.

(7) Caroline Brown, b. West Boylston, 8 Mar. 1813.

(7) Harriet Newell, b. West Boylston, 4 May 1815.

(7) Nancy Burnett, b. West Boylston, 2 July 1817.

(7) John Whipple Potter, b. West Boylston, 1 May 1819.

(7) Charles William, b. Southbridge, Mass., 24 April 1826.

(7) George Henry, b. Southbridge, Mass., 12 Mar. 1828.

(7) NANCY BURNETT JENKS, (Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. West Boylston, Mass., 2 July 1817; d. Middleboro 5 Dec. 1905; m. West Boylston, 26 Nov. 1838, Thomas Bond, b. North Brookfield 20 Sept. 1814; d. while visiting at Columbus, Ohio, 17 May 1885.

Children, Bond.

(8) Thomas Edward, b. North Brookfield, 3 Dec. 1843; d. California.

(8) Elizabeth Jenks, b. North Brookfield, 2 Apr. 1848; d. 31 Oct. 1873.

(8) Charles Walker, b. North Brookfield, 4 Aug. 1853; d. 16 Dec. 1865.

(8) Caroline Lyon, b. East Brookfield, Mass., 26 Aug. 1858; d. Burlington, Vt. 20th May 1890; m. Newton Centre, Mass., Frank Gressenger McFarlan. No Issue.

(7) JOHN WHIPPLE POTTER JENKS, (Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. West Boylston, 1 May 1819; d. Providence, R.I. 26 Sept. 1894; m. Middleboro, 30 Oct. 1842 Sarah Peirce Tucker, b. 9 Jan. 1821; d. 8 July 1884. Daughter Maj. Elisha and Sally Bowene Peirce.

Children, Jenks, all born Middleboro.

(8) Elisha Tucker, b. 18 April 1844; d. 13 Aug. 1844.

(8) Elisha Tucker, b. 28 Aug. 1845.

(8) Sarah Elizabeth, b. 10 Apr. 1848; d. 26 Apr. 1849.

(8) Abbie Lincoln, b. 13 Sept. 1850.

(8) Sadie Bessie, b. 7 June 1861.

John Whipple Potter Jenks was the senior professor of the faculty of Brown University and had been retired only ten days before his death as professor emeritus of zoology.

For 20 years and over he had been a professor in the Providence institution of learning. From 1842 till 1871 Prof. Jenks was principal of Pierce Academy in Middleboro and he it was who led that highly prized local institution to flourish like a green bay tree. Prof. Jenks was Pierce Academy, as time gave ample proof.

For 20 years he lectured on agricultural zoology and was considered one of the foremost zoologists in the United States. He wrote the text-book "Zoology", the fourteen weeks course in that study which has been adopted by the chautauqua assemblies. He spent a great deal of his spare time and while abroad in research work connected with the family ancestry finally compiling one from which this brief is largely copied.

The deceased was a great traveller. He had been all over the United States, Europe, Alaska and the Sandwich Island. He graduated at Brown in the famous class of 1838 at an extremely young age for a graduate.

(7) CAROLINE BROWN JENKS, (Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. West Boylston, Mass., 8 March 1813; d. Providence, R. I. m. (1) in Southbridge, Mass., 20 Nov. 1834, Lonzo Lyon of Sturbridge, b. Woodstock, Ct., 19 Jan. 1807; d. North Brookfield, 23 Dec. 1839. A merchant tailor.

Children, Lyon.

(8) Elizabeth Caroline; b. Keene, N. H. 12 Oct. 1835; d. 11 Feb. 1840.

(8) William Lonzo, b. West Boylston, Mass. 8 Jan. 1837; d. 14 Feb. 1840.

(8) John Potter, b. North Brookfield, 29 July 1839; d. 25 Feb. 1840. The above three children died of scarlet fever.
m. (2) 23 Aug. 1842, Merrick Lyon (brother of L. L.) b. 7 Apr. 1815; d.

(7) CHARLES WILLIAM JENKS, (Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. Southbridge, Mass., 24 Apr. 1826; d. while visiting at Nyack, N. Y., 8 April 1890; m. (1) North Brookfield, Mass., 30 Aug. 1849, Moriah Bowman Johnson, b. Mar. 4, 1827; d. Boston, 25 June 1866; dau. William and Dalinda (Edmands) of North Brookfield.

Children.

(8) William Johnson, b. North Brookfield, 23 Aug. 1852. d.

(8) Charles Nicholas, b. North Brookfield, 19 Oct. 1855.

(8) Mary, b. Boston, 6 June 1860; d. 18 July 1860.

(8) Arthur Edmands, b. 4 Jan. 1864; d.

(8) Ernest Potter,) b. 13 May 1866. d. 1902 (June 25)
) Twins
(8) Alice Lincoln.) d. 1903 (Nov. 15) m. Fred L. Ward
Children - Marjorie - Mildred.

m (2) Dover, N. H. 2 Feb. 1867 Lydia Ames Newell of Boston, b. 29 July 1842 d. dau. Lucius and Betsey Hannah (Burleigh) Newell.

(8) Baron Rupert, b. Chicago, Ill., 16 Feb. 1868; d. 18 July 1868.

(8) Frederick Newell, b. 13 Nov. 1869; d. 14 Nov. 1870.

(8) Rupert Ames, b. July 1872. - moved to California.

(8) Lucius Newell,)b. 16 July 1877; d. 9 Aug. 1877.
)Twins.
(8) Betsey Potter,)b. 16 July 1877;

(8) Cora Newall, b. 12 Aug. 1878; d.

m. New York City, 19 Nov. 1904; Carl Franklin Bond, b. 16 Feb. 1870. d. 22 June 1905.

An extract from the obituary of Charles W. Jenks in the "New York Electrical Engineer" of April 10, 1880:

"In early life Mr. Jenks was a popular clerk in the old Adams House in Boston; in 1869 he was Editor of the "Chicago Bureau", a journal devoted to manufacturing interests. While here he studied the gulf stream carefully, also Thermal winds as relating to Meteorology. He also acquired an intimate knowledge of shipping from all parts of the world and of its obstacles and a partial remedy and published several articles on the subject. This coming to the attention of President Grant he was summoned to the White House. The result of this conference was the establishment of the present system of signal service.

In 1871 he opened the first Corundum mine in the world in North Carolina and here discovered a vein of the oriental gems, Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, etc., the first found in the world in a vein. These discoveries gave him an entre into Scientific circles all over the world.

In 1875 he imported the first Angora goats ever brought into America from the Province of Angora in Asia Minor. These went to Col. Richard Peters of Atlanta, Ga.

In 1878 he installed the first exhibit of the "Brush Electric Light Co." in the first Mechanics Fair held in Boston, afterward installing a plant for the firm of Freeland Lewis and Co. in that city. In 1882 he became editor of "The Industrial Record" of New York and was chiefly instrumental in connection with the Lockwood Mfg. Co., East Boston and Gen. C. E. Dodge in building the Cape Cod Canal. Sometime afterward he prevailed upon Mr. Edison to invent an electric Percussion Rock Drill, now in general use in mining and quarrying."

(8) WILLIAM JOHNSON JENKS, (Charles William 7, Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. North Brookfield, 3 Aug. 1852; d. 1917.
m. (1) Monson, Mass., 23 Aug. 1874, Susan Irene Walker, dau. Elisha and Nancy (Damon) Walker of North Brookfield, Mass.
m. (2) Providence, R. I. 17 Feb. 1900, Rebecca (Hurlbut) Pratt, b. Winchester, Conn., 7 Oct. 1855, dau. Lemuel and Florania (Westlake) Hurlbut, of Winchester, Conn.

Children.
(9) Katrina Moriah, b. North Brookfield, 22 Jan. 1876. d.

(9) Edith Loring. b. Brockton, Mass., 22 Sept. 1877.

Mr. Jenks at a very early age had acquired a reputation as a rapid telegraph operator. In 1880 when the telephone began to be agitated he started and operated the first telephone local exchange, in a barn on Green Street, Brockton, Mass. where a few, at first, rather skeptical subscribers were obtained with the aid of his brother Charles, his assistant. The following year it having been amply demonstrated as a success, he built the first line ever constructed from one town to another, -- Brockton to S. Abington, then to Boston, 20 miles and put both into successful operation. In 1882-3 in connection with Mr. Wm. Lloyd Garrison he built the first Edison Electric Light station in the world employing the underground system. Mr. Edison was present at the installation. Mr. Charles Jenks was also his assistant in this work. Mr. Jenks soon went to New York as an official in the old Edison Co. and was thereafter closely connected with Mr. Edison and the progress of the company until it was merged into The General Electric Co. with offices at 120 Broadway, New York.

He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers since 1887, also of the New York Electrical Society! The Society of Arts connected with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology! Honorary Fellow of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association! A member of the American Electro-Chemical Society, also the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was for many years and nearly up to the time of his death, Secretary of the Board of Patent Control, which had in charge the patent litigation of the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies and their associated interests.

(8) CHARLES NICHOLAS JENKS, (Charles William 7, Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. North Brookfield ("at the farm") 19 Oct. 1855; d.
m. So. Boston, Mass. 20 Feb. 1882, Abbie Lovisa Handy, b. Charlestown, Mass., 20 Mar. 1853, dau. Albert and Cordelia M. Handy, res. 154 L Street, South Boston, Mass.

Mr. Jenks was with his father in the opening of the first Corundum mines 1871-2. He then became a sheep raiser in Texas: afterwards as assistant to his brother in the first telephone exchange and the first Electric Light plant in America, 1881-3. In 1885 he was manager of large live stock interests in Montana. From 1889 to present as mining engineer he has explored and operated mines in many countries. Like his father he has been a pioneer in several fields, until he lost his health during many months exposure in the jungles of South and Central America in 1917-19. He was successful in finding and acquiring by purchase heavy deposits of the mineral Bauxite for the operating company in Worcester, Mass. who sent him to South America. A long life of hardship, travel and adventure! In his prime he weighed 160 pounds and stood 5 feet, 11 inches tall. In a contest of strength in 1890 he lifted without harness (hands alone) 1000 pounds of iron castings clear of the ground. He has been a member of the Masonic order for over fifty years.

Mr. Jenks was also a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, New York City for many years! Also of the Nat. Geographic Society! He has always been intensely interested in the Study of Archaeology and Prehistoric man and in 1877 explored several of the cliff Dwellings in the Canyons of Arizona and New Mexico, and before they had been disturbed and despoiled by subsequent explorers!

Among Mr. Jenks' writings is found the following:

"In 1871 one Silas McDowell owner of a farm near the head of the Little Tennessee river (there called "Cullasaja") and in Macon Co., N. Car. had summoned my father and me from our mines nearby to witness what is perhaps the earliest recorded discovery in America of a cremation of Prehistoric man ages before. A shallow pit had been prepared near the river bank and partly filled with soft yet tenacious clay! The nude body of a man had been placed thereon face down and covered with the same clay to a depth of perhaps twelve inches, all forming a slightly oval mass. A

large log fire over it all had reduced the body to ashes! Ploughing had revealed the blackened mass covered with charcoal! A few strokes with a pick divided the mass into three pieces revealing to us the perfect cast of a man of the ancient race within apparently a little below our normal size. That night a heavy rain lasting three days unfortunately disintegrated the mass."

He also explored the mounds of the Prehistoric race along the east coast of Florida in 1903 and contributed some fine crania of men and women and ornaments of the Ancient people which he exhumed to the Peabody (Yale) Museum, New Haven, Conn. Also he contributed a select exhibit from the interior Indian tribes of British and French Guiana, S. A. for the Norton Company Museum in Worcester, Mass. during his explorations in 1917-18 in the jungles along the principal streams of their Colonies."

Children

(9) Harold E., b. Brockton, Mass. 1888. Aug. 10. d. October 16, 1933 of Pneumonia.

(9) Charles, b. 1896, d. in infancy.

Harold attended Amherst College for two years, then 2 years in "University of Maine", at Orono where he taught mathematics. He graduated at "The Worcester Inst. of Technology" at Worcester, Mass. 1914 with honors. For 12 years thereafter he was Assistant Professor of mathematics at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. finally accepting a position as the mathematician at the Atmospheric Nitrogen Corp., Hopewell, Va. where he has been for the past 5 yrs.

Married Vera Jackson of Winthrop, Me. in 1916. Divorced 1925. Children: (10) Charles W. b. 1917, March.

Married 2nd. - Lillian Elliott at Shenandoah, Va., 1930. At his death the great Nitrate Plant at Hopewell closed for the day, the entire official staff motoring 130 miles to Shenandoah the place of his interment. He was greatly beloved!

(8) ARTHUR EDMANDS JENKS, (Charles William 7, Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1) b. Boston, Mass., Jan. 1864; d. 1912.
m. New York City, 19 Oct. 1904, Katherine Marceleta Bonnett, b. Haverstraw, N. Y. 20 October 1877, dau. William and Mary (Lunkenheimer) Bonnett of Haverstraw. - no issue.

He graduated at the High School in North Brookfield 1879. For five years he was connected with the Brockton Gazette and Boston Journal. Entered Yale College in 1885 and graduated with honors in 1889. He formed a New York Syndicate and built the Hendersonville and Brevard Railroad in Western North Carolina in 1893. He also built the electric fountain at Cotton States Exposition, Atlanta, Ga. 1895. From 1897 he was manager of the business of Richard Hudnut, Perfumer and chemist of New York, also a member of the New York Athletic Club; Yale Club, New York; and Delta Kappa Epsilon Association of New York at the time of his death.

(8) ERNEST POTTER JENKS (Charles William 7, Nicholas 6, Nicholas 5, Jonathan 4, William 3, Joseph 2, Joseph 1). b. Boston (twin with Alice Lincoln) May 13, 1866. Graduate High School North Brookfield 1891. d. 1902 June 25. m. Lora Mae French Oct. 1888 at Ballston Spa, N. Y. - Child - Moriah Alice, b. Jan. 22, 1890, d. 1892.

Mr. Jenks was a graduate of Brown University 1896 shortly afterward entering the "College of Physicians and Surgeons" New York City, where after four years course he graduated with high honors. He began the practice of medicine and surgery in New York City and soon acquired an extensive practice being quickly recognized as a surgeon and general practitioner of unusual skill; so much so that at the time of his death, he conducted the clinic of Dr. Jacoby one of the country's greatest surgeons. Mr. Jenks also made an exhaustive study of Electro Therapeutics and was recognized as an expert in this branch of medical science. He died of acute Brights desease in 1902.

Miss Stella R. Jenks a student at the Ohio State University sends the following ancestry:

Joseph,	b. 1602	d. 1683	
Joseph, 2nd.	b. 1632	d. 1717	
Judge William	b. 1674	d. 1765	
Dr. John	b. 1710		m. Rachel Lawrence
Lawrence	b. 1744		
Jeremiah	b. 1785	d. 1869	
Shepard	b. 1804	d. 1874	
Truman	b. 1858	d. 1929	
Stella	b. 1915		

Jeremiah was one of the pioneer Settlers of Ohio going to that State from Massachusetts when but twenty years of age. Four of his children are represented by families living in Central Ohio.

The writer has recently received through the courtesy of a grandson in the 5th generation from Boomer Jenks - 1761 Mr. Wallace Fischer of Chicago, son of Mrs. Cecile Fischer - daughter of Florence Capitola Jenks and in the direct line from Boomer Jenks, a patriot of the Revolutionary War (6 years service) Boomer was born in 1761 a son of Joseph through Dr. John - Governor Joseph - Joseph 2nd and Joseph Sr. 1643. He married Anna King and had thirteen children (see tree) of these.

John - who married T. Carlton had 14 children (see tree)

Thomas - had eight children - names not given.

George Washington - married Sylvia Lewis - had Albina - Doris - Franklin M. - Susan and Marian.

Lyman - (Name of wife not given) had Salome - Alexander - Emmeline.

Andrew Nelson - married Philene Higley, who had Andrew Nelson, -
also (Charles (killed in Civil War) Hannah m. Scott Dudley -
(Mary Ann - married Ira Larrabee - daughter Alice Pepper of North Brookfield.

Florence Capitola, daughter of Livingston Holland Jenks and Hannah Burge, b. 1860, granddaughter of John, a son of Boomer Jenks. married David Wallace 1852. Children - Mabel, Ethel, Cecile.
Cecile m. Albert Fischer - Son Wallace -
Mrs. Fischer is a Director in United Charities and Chicago Chapter D.A.R.

The undersigned wishes to say that he is in possession of a great deal of additional Genealogical data in the lives of Jonathan Jenks, son of (Judge) William - also of collateral lines, diverging therefrom.' Much of this is so largely of his near relatives, and in so much detail that he has decided to omit it from this brief American History. He will be happy, however, to furnish specific information concerning almost any person in this line from Doctor Nicholas and to 1900 A. D.

Prof. J. W. P. Jenks' life and that of my brother William J. Jenks has been given in some little detail as they are largely responsible for much of the information herein. Also my father's life, Charles W. Jenks as having contributed quite a good deal which has benefited the world, and also contributed the booklet by George E. Jenks 1834 found in his papers 1934 many years after his death.

Charles Nicholas Jenks.

Boston, Mass. - Sept. 10, 1934.

Herbert Gould Beede of Pawtucket, R. I. a descendant on both sides from Joseph Jenks, 1643.

Male Line

Joseph Jenks	b. 1602	d. 1681	m. Elizabeth
Joseph 2 Jenks	b. 1632	d. 1717	m. Esther Ballard
Major Nathaniel	b. 1662	d. 1723	m. Hannah Bosworth - Mayflower ancestor
Nathaniel Jr.	b. 1702	d. 1741	m. Lydia Arnold
Capt. Stephen	b. 1726	d. 1800	m. Sarah Hawkins
Stephen J.	b. 1756	d. 1837	m. Marcy Arnold
Alvin	b. 1798	d. 1856	m. Sally Fales
Ida Emma	b. 1845	d. 1912	m. Charles Gould Beede
Herbert Gould Beede	b. 1870		m. Agnes C. Newman

Female Line

Catherine Jenks - Daughter of Governor Joseph Jenks	b. 1694	d. 1782	m. William Turpin.
Martha Turpin			m. Japhet Bicknell 1746
Avis Bicknell	b. 1747	d. June 1822	m. Peter Fales, Nov. 1763
John Fales	b. Sept. 1768	d. Oct. 1847	m. Robe Gilmore, Sept. 1816
Sally Fales	b. Sept. 1803	d. Mar. 1888	m. Alvin Jenks, Oct. 1827
Ida Emma	b. 1845	d. 1912	m. Charles Gould Beede
Herbert Gould Beede	b. 1870		m. Agnes C. Newman

Children of Herbert G. and Agnes Beede

(1) Frederick Newman b. June 1900 m. June, Marjorie I. Brice
Children - Eleanor Beede b. Sept. 1925
Herbert B. b. Jan. 1927

(2) Robert Jenks b. March 1903 m. June 1927, Virginia H. Stearns
Children - Anne Beede, b. June 1928
Robert Jenks b. Mar. 1930

Mr. Herbert G. Beede is a member of the Mayflower Society on John Howland.

Frederick Beede is a member of Sons of Colonial Wars on Governor Jenks.

Mrs. Agnes Beede is a member of the Mayflower Society on John Alden. Both have several Mayflower ancestors whose births, marriages and deaths have been proven.

NOTE:-
Mrs. Beede has been of great assistance in past efforts to obtain ancestral information and it gives me much pleasure to include this remarkable record.

Charles N. Jenks.

For the following History of a branch of the descendants of Joseph Jenks, Sr. I am indebted to Mr. J. B. O. Jenks of the firms of Jenks Bros. of Freeport, Ill! These gentlemen, J. B. O. and Charles N. Jenks have long been interested in the History of the Jenks family and have in the past concontributed much of interest in addition to what has previously been gathered.

The Descendants of Dr. John Jenckes, Son of Joseph Jenckes, 3rd. a one time governor of R. I., Son of Joseph Jenckes, 2nd, Son of Joseph Jenckes 1643.

JOSEPH JENCKES, 4th son of Dr. John was born at Cranston, R. I. about 1685. He was a blacksmith and was married twice, the first wife, Sarah King, the second, Hannah Boomer.

BEN JENCKES, a second son lived in Scituate, Mass.

CALEB JENCKES, a third son was born in Cranston, R. I., Jan. 27, 1750. He married Abagail Brown, a daughter of Jeremiah Brown and Rebecca Mills of Scituate, Mass. Their children -

1 - Sarah, b. 1785, m. Oliver Shaw, a blind musician.
2 - Joseph
3 - Livingston, b. 1789, d. Sonia, Ill. 1863.
4 - William
5 - Rensalier Jeremiah, b. Providence, R. I., 1791.
6 - John Brown

BOOMER JENCKES, son of Joseph and Hannah Boomer was born 1761 in Brattleboro, Vt., d. 1847. Wife's first name was Ann, also b. in 1761, d. in 1834. Boomer was in the Revolutionary War. Stood guard the night he was 16 years old on a point of land jutting out into Lake Ontario. They had 13 children. Boomer was the last of the line to spell his name Jenckes.

Children of Boomer and Ann

1 - John	b. 1781		
2 - Thomas	b. 1783		
3 - Sally	b. 1784		
4 - Oliver	b. 1785		
5 - Boomer	b. 1789		
6 - Geo. Washington	b. 1790	d. 1883 at Watertown, N. Y.	
7 - Charles	b. 1792		
8 - James	b. 1794		
9 - Lyman	b. 1797		
10 - Eunice	b. 1798		
11 - Dr. Isaac			
12 - Amelia	b. 1803		
13 - Andrew Nelson	b. 1806	m. Philora Higley and had seven children.	

GEORGE WASHINGTON JENKS, b. Nov. 23, 1790. Although this record is entirely different as to the children of George Washington from the children given in the preceding History I am convinced this record is the correct one as it is fortified by dates and other facts concerning his life and that of his children.

Children

1 - Caroline	m. Churchill
2 - Alonzo P.	record below
3 - Rev. Maxwell Jenks	
4 - Mary Sophia	
5 - Laura Ann	m. Maurice Hungerford
6 - Sarah Jane	

ALONZO PERCIVAL JENKS, b. at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1822. d. May 11, 1890. Came to Wisconsin March 1857, m. Matilda Barker Oct. 25, 1849 at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y.

Children

1 - Milford E.	b. Sept. 10, 1850	
2 - Aldro Perry	b. Jan. 18, 1855	
3 - Volney Virgil	b. Dec. 7, 1858	
4 - Amy	b. March 24, 1862	
5 - Ella	b. Feb. 16, 1864	d. Aug. 17, 1866

VOLNEY JENKS, b. Dec. 7, 1858, m. Brittania Thomas at Darlington, March 1884.

Children

1 - Edith Viola	b.	1885
2 - Orval Volney	b. Dec. 26,	1893
3 - Ruth Elizabeth	b. Oct.	1895
4 - Walter Thomas	b. Jan. 27,	1897

ANDREW NELSON JENCKES, son of Boomer and Ann, b. 1806, Feb. 9, m. Philora Higley.

Children

1 - James Henry	b. Oct. 3, 1832
2 - Nathan	b. Nov. 3, 1834
3 - Andrew Nelson	b. June 27, 1836
4 - Mary	b. Aug. 27, 1839
5 - George Howard	b. June 8, 1842
6 - Charles Emerson	b. May 10, 1845
7 - Hannah B.	b. April 14, 1848.

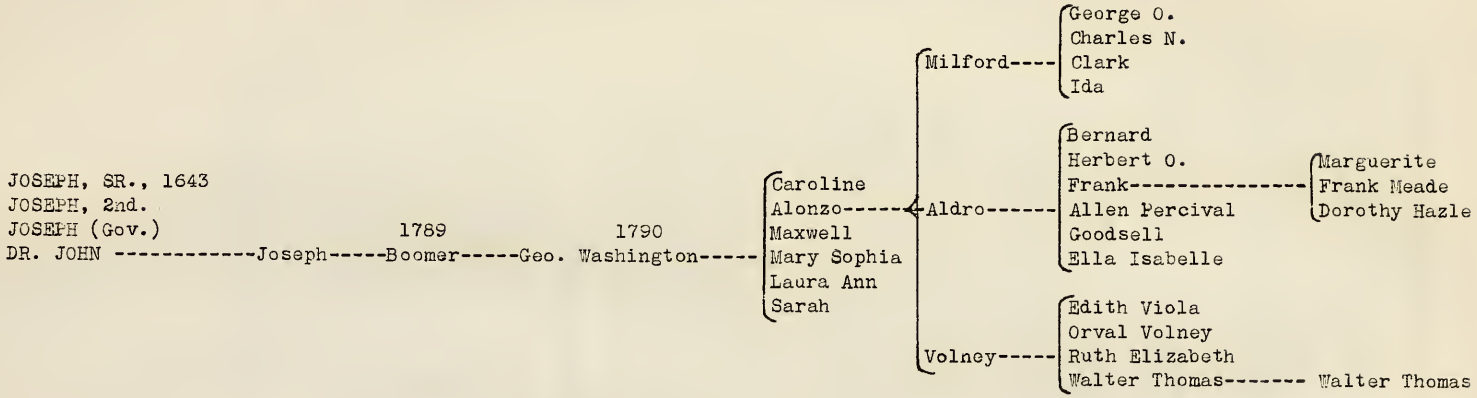
Charles was killed at the battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.

ANDREW NELSON JENKS, JR., b. 1836 at Brattleboro, Vt.

Children

1 - Olive
2 - Alta Wallbaun
3 - Ulan S.
4 - Charles N.
5 - Mary
6 - John B. O.
7 - Anna

DESCENDANTS OF DR. JOHN JENCKES THROUGH JOSEPH, 4TH, BOOMER AND GEORGE WASHINGTON



Interesting Items Gathered by the Jenks Bros.

"Dr. John Jenks who was Colonial Agent or Ambassador, the first sent from the U. S. to Europe following the close of the Revolutionary War."

"The reputation of Joseph Jenks as a metal worker spread in the Colonies and when in 1652 a mint was set up in Boston he was chosen to cut the dies for the first coins. His daughter-in-law is said to have provided the design of a Pine Tree which gave to the new piece of money its popular name."

The following refers to the machine Joseph Jenks invented and used in coining the first money ever minted in America:

> "This proved to be an apparatus mounted on an upright, resembling what is commonly known as a "sawhorse," the top of which is about two feet in width, and six inches in thickness. Two legs at each end, slanting slightly outward, support the bench-like standard on which the equipment for stamping the metal is mounted.
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> The press in which the dies are enclosed is about twenty inches in height, and about twelve inches wide. It is made of iron, the dies held in place in grooves on two sides of the upright. The plate is forced downward in the process of stamping by use of a turnscrew pressure operated by a metal handle serving as a crank. Workmanship shows favorable comparison with that of the present day, the craftsmanship of which could scarcely be improved.
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> Metal mined on the farm near Brattleboro, Vt., owned by relatives of the Jenks family was obtained from what was known as "Higley hill," and was silver and copper used in the minting of the famous "pine tree shillings" so popular during pre-Revolutionary days. Joseph Jenkes is also believed to have been the first to manufacture bronze for commercial purposes in the western hemisphere and he also invented the first scythes and sickles used in America.

INVENTS SCYTHE FOR "CUTTING OF GRASSE"

> "In 1654 the Boston selectmen arranged to have Jenks make "an engine to carry water in case of fire", said to be the first fire-engine in America. Meanwhile, the iron works sold to Jenks the right to build a forge of his own for the manufacture of scythes. It was here, in 1655, that he produced a scythe of a distinctly new type, 'for the more speedy cutting of grasse'. This was an improvement on the old English model, and its adequacy is suggested by the fact that there has been little change in the shape or size of scythes since that time.
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> "In 1667 Jenks was petitioning for aid 'to commence a wire factory'. He was not successful in obtaining financial support, however, in this venture."

PREFACE

The following data having been recently discovered among some of my father's old documents by a sister, Miss Bettie P. Jenks of Boston, I have decided to include it ver batim. This, a printed booklet, was compiled by George E. Jenks of Concord, N. H. in 1834 and as this branch of the family contains many distinguished men, as given therein, and also many more of later date, it will prove of much interest, as well as to give living members of this branch an opportunity to connect with the more ancient ancestors through the History.

Charles N. Jenks

Boston, Mass., September 10, 1934.

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G E N E A L O G Y

of the

JENKS FAMILY OF NEWPORT, N. H.

(This surname is found spelled Jenks, Jinks, Jynks, Jenkes, Jencks, and Jenckes. Some of these methods have arisen from careless spelling, the result of false pronunciation. The signatures of different members of the same family, as well as in some individual cases, in this country, are found to be Jenks, Jencks, and Jenckes. Joseph, Sen., (1) spelled "Jenks"; Joseph, Jr., (2) "Jenckes". Their descendants chiefly follow the first method. Jeremiah's (6) signatures were "Jenks" until his later years, when his signature is found to be "Jenckes", the method adopted by his sons. His grandsons, however, have chiefly followed the first or simpler method.)

This family is descended from the Welsh, or ancient Britons. Robert Jenkes was of Wolverton (manor), parish of Eaton-under-Eywood, Shropshire, about 1350, in the reign of Edward III. This gentleman was the son of Jenkyn Cambrey, of that place, and Dorothy, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Walter Collyng, Knight, of Church Stretton, in the same county. Herbert Jenkes, Esq., possessed Wolverton about 1640, and his estate fell to his heirs by a daughter. From this ancestry was JOSEPH JENKS,(1) founder and machinest, of Hammersmith, England, b. 1602. He was "a very ingenious man," and was induced by Gov. Winthrop (the younger) to come to Lynn, Mass., about 1642, as master mechanic, to establish "the iron and steel works." He is the acknowledged head of the iron-smelting and founding business, and the first builder of machinery, in this country. He was also the first patentee of inventions in America, having introduced the idea (first granted by act of parliament in 1625) of protection for the manufacture of improvements, by petition to the government of Massachusetts Bay. In 1646 he took patents for mill improvements; and in 1655 he patented the present form of the grass scythe, for which, his biographer says, "he should be held in grateful remembrance." In 1652 he made the dies for the first coinage of money, - the "Pine Tree Shilling." In 1654 he built a fire engine, to the order of the "selectmen of Boston" (the first built in the country). In 1667 he sought aid to establish a wire manufactory. In 1647 he built a forge, and entered upon the manufacture of his improved scythes nine years before his application for a patent was granted.

Mr. Jenks was a widower, and left two sons, Joseph,(2) and George, in England, who early followed him to America. He married again in Lynn, and had three sons and two daughters. John Farmer, in his genealogies of early N. E. settlers, says "his descendants throughout New England have been respectable."

JOSEPH (2) b. in England, in 1632, followed his father to Lynn about 1647, and served at his business; he subsequently went to Providence, R. I., and established the iron founding and machine business at Pawtucket falls, founding the town of Pawtucket. His shops were destroyed in King Philip's War, but were rebuilt. By his enterprise the foundation was laid which made that town the great iron workshop of the colonies, and the place where skilled mechanics gathered, who have made Rhode Island noted for her iron and steel products, machinery, and other manufactories. In 1774 the manufacture of firearms began to be extensively carried on in this place by Stephen Jenks; and several independent companies were furnished with arms of home manufacture. Sixty heavy cannon, beside fieldpieces, were made at the iron-works. He m. Esther Ballard, of Lynn, b. in Eng. in 1633, by whom he had five daughters (who all married) and four sons: Joseph, ass't. governor eleven years, and governor five years; Nathaniel (3), major of militia, and much in public life; Ebenezer, pastor of the first Baptist church in Providence; and William, lawyer, and chief-justice of the colony.

NATHANIEL (3) b. in Providence in 1662, m. Hannah Bosworth; he d. in 1723, leaving five daughters and three sons. His eldest son, JONATHAN,(4) m. Mary Slack, of Scituate, and had three sons and five daughters. His s. JONATHAN (5) m. Hannah Pullen, by whom he had six sons and three daughters.

JEREMIAH JENKS,(6) mariner and farmer; s. of Jonathan (5) and Hannah (Pullen) Jenks; was b. in Smithfield, R. I., Nov. 29, 1739, and went to Newport prior to the Revolutionary war. A deed from James Sheldon to him, bearing date Jan. 24, 1771, attests the purchase of "one share, of 340 acres, on east side of Connecticut river (Newport)," one sixty-eighth part of its territory. In a deed of land purchased by him in "Saville," July 2, 1773, he is described as "late of Smithfield, R. I., now of Newport". Feb. 25, 1776, he m. Lucy Whipple, of Cumberland, R. I., b. April 16, 1746. Tradition says they arrived in Newport, with their household goods, July 4, 1776, and first established themselves on what is known as the Parmelee place, on the south road. In 1776 Mr. Jenk's name appears third on the list of signers of the "Association Test," which was circulated for signatures at the request of the Committee of Safety for the colony. At a meeting of the inhabitants, July 24, 1776, he was chosen lieutenant of the Newport volunteers, and was among those who left, June 9, 1777, to take part in the capture of Ticonderoga. July 10, of the same year, he was one of a committee of three to fix the value of farm products, which schedule of prices was to be used as a basis of exchange in lieu of money. In March, 1791, he was elected selectman; and Nov. 7, of the same year, he was one of a committee of five to superintend the building of the Congregational meeting-house, which for thirty years served that society, and stood near the foot of Claremont hill. Between 1778 and 1792 he made purchases of land from Josiah Stevens, Aaron Buell, James Church, Israel Bryan, Uriah Wilcox, Nathan Fisher, and Stephen Perry, by which he became the largest landholder in the town; in 1802 he was the heaviest tax-payer in Newport. He gave a farm of more than one hundred acres to each of three sons, the homestead of two hundred acres to a fourth, and a forty-acre lot of land to each of three daughters. Mr. Jenks was of unusual stature, as were three of his sons. He was several inches over six feet in height, with a corresponding muscular development. His wife and three of her daughters were nearly, if not quite six feet tall. He d. Jan. 4, 1811; his wife survived him until May 19, 1819.

Hannah, b. March 22, 1777; m. May 26, 1803, Col. James D. Walcott, of Cumberland, R. I.; d. in Newport, Sept. 2, 1823.

Nancy, b. March 7, 1779; m. April 10, 1796, Dr. Abiel Ledoyt; d. Dec. 4, 1829. Ch., Albinus; d. young.

⁷Jeremiah Whipple, b. June 11, 1780.
⁷Oliver, b. Feb. 13, 1782.
Lucy, b. March 15, 1783; m., Jan. 22, 1805, Asa Corbin of Newport; d. in childbirth, Jan. 4, 1806, mother and child being buried in the same grave.
⁷Bela Whipple, b. March 12, 1785. ⁷Thomas Bowen, b. Oct. 8, 1786.
Betsey, b. March 9, 1789; d. Feb. 23, 1790.

JEREMIAH WHIPPLE JENCKES, s. of Jeremiah and Lucy (Whipple) Jenks, b. June 11, 1780. He received a farm of 100 acres from his father, which is now owned by A. P. Wellcome, at junction of the Cornish & Croydon turnpikes. He r. there until 1815, then disposed of his property, and moved to Bridport, Vt., and purchased a fine farm overlooking Lake Champlain. Two years later he removed to Crown Point, N. Y., and engaged in lumbering and farming, where he spent the remainder of his life. He m., Jan. 26, 1803, Hester, dau. of Robert Lane, of Newport, and sister of the distinguished physician and surgeon, Dr. Robert Lane, late of Sutton. She was b. Jan. 2, 1784; d. Oct. 24, 1850. He d. Aug. 12, 1852.

Arzelia, b. March 3, 1804; d. Feb. 13, 1814.
Lucy Corbin, b. Jan. 10, 1806; d. Jan. 24, 1806.
Nancy, b. Aug. 21, 1807; d. Aug. 31, 1807.
Hester Amelia, b. Dec. 22, 1808; m., Oct. 23, 1834, Royal Stowell, of Crown Point, N. Y. In 1856 they moved to St. Clair, Michigan. She d. Feb. 23, 1877. Ch., Sarai, b. 1835; Asa R., b. March, 1837.

Jeremiah, b. in Newport, N. H., Dec. 13, 1810; went with his parents to Bridport and Crown Point; in 1853 removed to Michigan, and engaged in lumbering for many years on the shores of Lake Huron. He is the senior member of the firm of J. Jenks & Co., Sand Beach, Mich., manufacturers of salt and flour, and dealers in general merchandise. He also farms extensively, and has been very successful in his business undertakings. From 1861 to 1864 he was inspector of customs, and two years deputy collector of internal revenue. He was a member of the Michigan state senate in 1875 and 1876. He m., Sept. 10, 1837, Relief Huestis; m., 2nd, April 29, 1874, Amanda (Messer) Jenks, widow of Benj. L. Jenks. Ch., George Walton, b. May 9, 1838; Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1846.
Jesse Lane, b. in Newport, April 8, 1813. In the early part of life he engaged in farming. In 1860 he moved from Crown Point, N. Y., to Michigan, and engaged in the hotel and livery business, which he followed to the close of his life. He m., Oct. 6, 1848, Jane Minor, by whom he had two children; m., 2nd, April 5, 1856, Mary Martin, who had four children. He d. March 16, 1876. Ch., Bela Whipple, b. July 18, 1849. Robert H., b. June 19, 1851; d. Oct. 10, 1854. Helen, b. April 19, 1858; d. April 24, 1862. Robert M., b. Aug. 18, 1859. Jennie, b. Jan. 25, 1861. William b. Aug. 2, 1863.
Arzelia, b. July 10, 1815; m., March, 1849, George G. Hewitt; d. May 5, 1850. Ch., Arzelia A., b. May 5, 1850.
Lucy Ann, b. May 2, 1817; m., June 29, 1837, Simon Beckwith, and went to Michigan in 1856. Ch., Charles, b. May 7, 1838; Benjamin J.; Arzelia J.
Benjamin Lane, b. at Crown Point, N. Y., April 25, 1820; moved to Michigan in 1856, and engaged in farming and lumbering all his life. He held several offices of trust in his town. He m., March 8, 1849, Amanda Messer. He d. Dec. 10, 1868. Ch., James Messer, b. July 14, 1850; Robert Henry, b. July 26, 1854; ⁷Jeremiah Whipple, b. Sept. 2, 1856; Hester Pamelia, b. Dec. 12, 1858; Martin Lane, b. July 15, 1861. (The following is from a news article published at the time of the death of Jeremiah Whipple, on who was, at the time, President of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, New York City:

Professor Jenks was born in St. Clair, Mich., on Sept. 2, 1856, and received from the University of Michigan the degrees of bachelor and master of arts. After studying law at the same time that he was teaching at Mount Morris. (Ill.) College, he was admitted in 1881 to the Michigan bar. A course at the University of Halle, Germany,

brought him the degree of Ph. D. in 1885, whereupon he was appointed to science and English literature at Knox College, Ill.

He subsequently held professorships in Indiana University, Cornell and New York University. While he chose teaching as the major pursuit of his career, his knowledge of governmental sciences and economics led to his being constantly in demand as an expert to serve on various Federal commissions and on special educational and other committees of sociological organizations.)

Bela Whipple, b. at Crown Point, N. Y., June 6, 1824. On passing his majority, he went to Michigan; is a farmer, and is a partner with his brother, Robert H. Jenks, in a general mercantile business in St. Clair; has held several town and city offices, and has twice been elected a state senator. He m., Nov. 3, 1853, Sarah Carleton. Ch., Charles Carleton, b. Aug. 24, 1854; William Lee, b. Dec. 27, 1856; Mary Eliza, b. Jan. 4, 1859; Anna Barnard, b. July 29, 1861; Frank Dike, b. March 11, 1864; Russ Stowell, b. June 10, 1867; George Sandford, b. Sept. 11, 1869.

Robert Henry, b. at Crown Point, April 28, 1827; went to Michigan in 1851; a farmer, and is engaged in general mercantile business; has been post-master at St. Clair twelve years, and president and treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. ten years. He m., April 13, 1854, Mary S. Clarke. Ch., Sarah Helen, b. April 17, 1855; d. Aug. 18, 1856. Emeline Clarke, b. June 13, 1857. Herbert Lind, b. Oct. 26, 1859; d. Oct. 16, 1873. Lucy Arzelia, b. Sept. 4, 1861. Ella Amanda, b. Sept. 3, 1863; d. Sept. 28, 1864. Helen Clarke, b. Aug. 3, 1865. John Henry, b. Dec. 4, 1866. Ben Lane, b. June 13, 1869. Tubal Orren, b. Oct. 6, 1871.

OLIVER JENCKES, s. of Jeremiah; b. Feb. 13, 1782; passed a portion of his boyhood with his uncle, Oliver Whipple, at Hampton and Portsmouth, where some educational advantages were obtained. He received the homestead farm, one of the largest and best in town, and was successful in its management. He was frequently called to official position from 1814 to the year of his death. He was selectman ten years; five times moderator; representative to the legislature in 1828 and 1829; and agent to divide the town into school districts, and to lay out and build roads. Mr. Jenckes, as a member of the building committee, bore an active part in erecting the Baptist meeting-house in the village, and entered earnestly into all enterprises looking to the benefit of the town. In 1812 and 1830 he was one of the ten heaviest tax-payers. Was a captain in the militia, and was a justice of the peace. M., March 9, 1809, Levina, dau. of Eleazer Jackson, of Cornish. He d. Sept. 17, 1837. His wife was b. Sept. 10, 1791, and d. Sept. 7, 1877, surviving her husband forty years. She lived to see ten of her children reach and pass middle life before death made a breach in their ranks. She was a generous and self-denying mother, and remarkable for her bountiful hospitality.

A son, b. and d. Jan. 17, 1810.

Lucy, b. July 29, 1811; educated at Newport and Hopkinton academies; was a teacher in Newport, and in Belvidere, N. J., for several years. She m., Dec. 10, 1846, Otis Withington, of Brookline, Mass., b. Aug. 30, 1801, d. March 5, 1873. She d. Jan. 1, 1879. Ch., Charles Francis, b. Aug. 21, 1852; a graduate of Harvard College; a successful teacher in the classical schools of Brookline and Roxbury; is a graduate of Harvard Medical School.

Elizabeth Whipple, b. Dec. 6, 1812; educated at Newport and Hopkinton academies; was a teacher, and r. some years in Fredericksburgh, Va.; r. at the homestead.

Henry Allen, b. March 20, 1814; educated at Chester (Vt.) academy. In Feb., 1836, after passing his majority, he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Rhode Island; subsequently went to Illinois, and purchased a farm, which he occupied until the death of his father, when he returned to Newport and took charge of his mother's portion of the estate. He purchased the interests of the other heirs, and now owns the homestead. In 1858 he was elected selectman; was one of the founders of the Newport Agricultural Association, and its treasurer two years; is a deacon of the Baptist church, and one of its staunchest supporters.

Harriet, b. Sept. 20, 1815; r. at the homestead; d. Dec. 13, 1872.

Eleazer Jackson, b. March 3, 1817.

Oliver, b. Feb. 3, 1819; d. Feb. 20, 1819.

Oliver Bowen, b. Feb. 5, 1820; educated at Kimball Union Academy; in 1840, went to Virginia and engaged in teaching. Having excellent musical abilities, he taught the cultivation of the voice, and gave instruction upon the piano, flute, and guitar. Before leaving Newport, he was a leader of the choir in the Baptist church. In 1844 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Twyman, of Madison county, Va., and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1855. He was twice chosen vice-president of the Virginia Medical Society, and was esteemed by his contemporaries as eminent in his profession. May 4, 1858, he m. Laura Catharine, daughter of Dr. Twyman, who was b. July 15, 1833, and d. Nov. 16, 1875. He d. March 22, 1876. No children.
"Dr. Jenks," says Dr. Row, in announcing his death to the Medical Society, of which he was an active member and officer, "was in many respects a remarkable man, and in his life displayed as much energy and devotion in his profession as any practitioner I ever met. As a physician, he was accomplished and successful, proverbial for his kind and courteous demeanor towards his professional brethren, and urbanity to all. He was an active and consistent member of the Baptist church, and a devout Christian." Dr. F. D. Cunningham, of Richmond, in an address as president of the Virginia Medical Society, says, -- "Among the names of those we mourn, none will be heard with more regret than that of Dr. Oliver B. Jenks, a gentleman who manifested the liveliest interest in our society from its organization. Although himself a victim to ill-health, with the spirit of a true philanthropist he made use of knowledge acquired at the expense of great suffering in his own person for the benefit of others. Those of us who attended the meeting at Norfolk can hardly fail to remember the extraordinary personal experience he then related, and the valuable conclusions he had deduced from it in regard to the use of chloroform in certain forms of heart disease. Our society never had a more ardent supporter, nor our members a better example."

Thomas, b. Nov. 13, 1822.

Albinus, b. July 15, 1824; m., May, 1870, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Blake, who d. April 2, 1876; no children.

Levina, b. April 2, 1826; d. April 10, 1826.

A son, b. and d. April 26, 1827.

George Edwin, b. Sept. 9, 1828.

Edward Augustus, b. Oct. 30, 1830.

A son, b. and d. in March, 1832.

Charles William, b. May 4, 1833; d. March 19, 1834.

ELEAZER JACKSON JENKS, s. of Oliver and Levina (Jackson) Jenckes; b. March 3, 1817. In September, 1839, he entered Concord academy, then taught by Charles Peabody, and spent three years as student, and in teaching in Massachusetts. In November, 1840, he walked from Concord to Newport to cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Harrison. In 1842 he engaged in trade in Rochester, N. Y., remaining there some five years. Returning to Massachusetts, he was employed five years as book-keeper in the Bank of Brighton. In 1853 he became cashier of the Woburn bank, where he remained eighteen years, when he resigned to enter into trade. In July, 1875, he became cashier of the Hopkinton National Bank and treasurer of the Hopkinton Savings Bank; has been engaged in the banking business twenty-seven years. He was a member of the Baptist church in Newport, and contributed the sum of $400 toward the expense of remodelling its house of worship. He m., June 26, 1844, Sarah Peabody, of Groton, Mass., by whom he had three children. She d. Oct. 21, 1852. M., 2nd, June 26, 1860, Elvira Antoinette Wolcott, of Rochester, N. Y., who d. Sept. 24, 1865. M., 3d, Sept. 3, 1868, Mrs. Eliza W. (Perkins) Thomas, of Lynn, Mass., b. June 18, 1821.

Henry Francis, b. June 26, 1845; d. June 24, 1846.

William Edward, b. May 2, 1848; became clerk in the Woburn Bank in January, 1864; was messenger to the National Bank of North America, Boston, from April, 1870, to July, 1871; became cashier of the Hopkinton National Bank and treasurer of the Hopkinton Savings Bank in July, 1871; became discount clerk in the Shawmut National Bank, Boston, February, 1876. He m., Sept. 11, 1872, Elna Persson (b. in Sweden, Dec. 26, 1847), adopted dau. of Abijah W. Withington, of Boston. Ch., Mary Withington, b. July 10, 1873; d. March 6, 1876. Elizabeth Nixon, b. May 27, 1875. Marion Frances, b. April 28, 1877.

Abbie Frances, b. Aug. 7, 1850.

THOMAS JENKS, s. of Oliver; b. Nov. 13, 1822. After leaving the homestead, in 1841, he served several years with Gilmore & Walker, traders in Union Village, Vt., and afterwards engaged in trade at Thetford Hill and at Thetford Depot, Vt., and at North Woburn, Mass. Dec. 8, 1851, he m. Henrietta, dau. of John Hall, of Union Village, Vt., where he now resides. His wife was b. Feb. 1, 1828, and d. Sept. 8, 1856.

Ida Laura, b. Jan. 16, 1853. Alice Henrietta, b. May 23, 1855.

GEORGE EDWIN JENKS, s. of Oliver; b. Sept. 9, 1828; was bred to the farm, and received common-school privileges, and one year's attendance at Thetford academy. May 26, 1845, he apprenticed himself to the printing business with Asa McFarland, of Concord; in June, 1850, he became a partner with his former employer. In July, 1851, they purchased the "New Hampshire Statesman", and published it until Oct., 1871. Mr. Jenks was elected state printer for the years 1866-7; he was representative in 1873 and 1874, and was chairman of several committees. He was author of the new constitutional amendment which secured the reduction of the house of representatives about one fourth from its former membership; he is now (1879) auditor of state printer's accounts, trustee of the Concord public library, and secretary of Republican state committee. M., Jan. 23, 1855, Eliza Jane, dau. of Joseph Grover, of Concord, b. March 9, 1835.

Frank Bowen, b. Dec. 27, 1855; was in the employ of Lawrence & Co., Boston, as clerk and paymaster at their mills in Belmont, N. H., and in Ipswich, Mass., for about five years; is clerk in railroad treasurer's office, Boston.

Walter Lyon, b. April 12, 1862. Arthur Whipple, b. Aug. 9, 1863.

Paul Rockwell, b. June 23, 1872.

EDWARD AUGUSTUS JENKS, s. of Oliver, was b. Oct. 30, 1830; spent the first fifteen years of his life at the homestead; June 2, 1846, became an apprentice to Asa McFarland, printer, in Concord; at the close of his apprenticeship, he attended several terms at Thetford academy, Thetford, Vt., closing his connection with that institution in 1851. In April, 1852, he formed a copartnership with Joseph C. Abbott (afterwards U. S. Senator from North Carolina), and purchased the Manchester "American" beginning his active business life in his 22d year, under the firm name of Abbott & Jenks. In 1856 he sold his interest in the "American", and went to Lowell, Mass., where he resided two years. In 1858 he became a resident of New York city, where he was "proof-reader" in some of the largest publishing houses there; remained in that city until the spring of 1862, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and became connected with the firm of Alexander Swift & Co., iron manufacturers, and contractors for the building of the monitors Catawba, Oneota, Klamath, and Yuma, for the government, where he remained until their completion and delivery to the Navy Department. At the conclusion of the war, he went to Vicksburg, Miss., as the agent of John Swasey & Co., merchants of Cincinnati, for the purchase of cotton for shipment to Northern markets. The prosecution of his business took him to nearly all parts of the state, by rail, steamboat, and horseback, as well as to many of the neighboring states. In the preliminary work preparatory to the adoption of the new state constitution in 1869, and the readmission of Mississippi into the Union, he bore an active part. Oct. 1, 1871, he was called to the head of the Republican Press Association, of Concord, N. H. (publishers of the "Daily Monitor" and the "Independent Statesman"), as its Treasurer and Business Manager. Since holding this position he has three times been elected state printer; and in 1877, a vacancy occurring in the office of State Reporter (reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court), he was appointed to that office by Gov. Prescott. He has made many contributions to current literature, beginning, among magazines, with "The Knickerbocker," while under the editorial control of Charles G. Leland. Poems of his are to be found in some of the finest collections extant, -- notably Bryant's new "Library of Poetry and Song," Dr. Kendrick's "Our Poetical Favorites," and Harpel's "Poets and Poetry of Printerdom." May 4, 1852, he m. Harriet S. Stickney, of Concord, dau. of George Stickney, Esq., a lawyer, of Waterville, Maine. She was b. in Waterville, Aug. 4, 1828.

Charles Brigham, b. Oct. 23, 1853; d. Oct. 27, 1853.
Henry Allen, b. Jan. 22, 1855; d. Jan. 26, 1855.
George Oliver, b. April 1, 1856; d. Oct. 10, 1858.
Allan Murray, b. in Lowell, Mass., April 17, 1858. Was two years at the Mass. Institute of Technology, in Boston.
Robert Irving, b. in Cincinnati, O., Jan. 17, 1865.
Mary Leslie, b. in Concord, N. H., Oct. 7, 1866.

BELA WHIPPLE JENCKES, s. of Jeremiah; b. March 12, 1785; a farmer and housejoiner; was captain of artillery in the militia. At a supper given to celebrate Washington's birthday, he acted as toast-master, and gave all the sentiments in humorous rhyme. Married Mary, dau. of Maj. Josiah Stevens, who d. April 15, 1820, by whom he had three children; m., 2nd, Jan. 15, 1826, Betsey, dau. of John Vinton, of Cornish, b. Jan. 22, 1791 -- the mother of four children. He d. March 28, 1860.

Mary Emeline, b. Dec. 29, 1810; formerly a teacher; r. in Auburn, N. Y.

Nancy Cordelia, b. May 3, 1812; a milliner; r. in Southbridge, Mass.

Hannah Stevens, b. Nov. 26, 1816; m. Aug. 9, 1840, Abijah W. Tenney, of Newport; d. Sept. 12, 1848. Ch., Abijah Wallace, b. Sept. 9, 1841; d. Sept. 22, 1844. Mary Jenks, b. May 18, 1844. Arthur Burton, b. May 22, 1846. George Hubbard, b. July 26, 1848; d. Dec. 11, 1866.

Bela Whipple, b. March 6, 1827; went to California soon after the discovery of gold in that territory, and has since resided there; has been clerk of courts in Klamath county for some years.

Elizabeth Vinton, b. Dec. 2, 1831; m., April 12, 1855, Samuel Newell, of Southbridge, Mass. Ch., Edward Whipple, b. Sept. 29, 1856; Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 13, 1859; Louise Lincoln, b. April 20, 1865; Annie Maria, b. Sept. 23, 1873.

Maria Mason, b. Dec. 12, 1832; m. Andrew Lawson, of Providence, R. I.; d. April 7, 1865. Ch., Ella Maria, b. July 6, 1854; d. April 10, 1874. Ida Frances, b. June 21, 1857; d. July 25, 1859. Ida Jenks, b. Nov. 7, 1860; d. Sept. 12, 1866. Edwin Frank, b. Feb. 7, 1863.

Charles William, b. March 25, 1834; was landlord of the Phenix hotel in Newport, and has been in business in Boston; m., in 1855. Charlotte E. Wright. Ch., Charles Ashley, b. Jan. 29, 1856; William Warren, b. Oct., 1861.

THOMAS BOWEN JENCKES, s. of Jeremiah; b. Oct. 8, 1786; disposed of a farm bequeathed him by his father, and became a cotton manufacturer in Cumberland, R. I., about 1815 or 1816; m. Abigail W. Allen, of Cumberland, b. Jan. 31, 1794; d. Nov. 20, 1863. He d. Aug. 19, 1819.

Thomas Allen, b. Nov. 2, 1818; d. Nov. 4, 1875. He was the only child of Thomas Bowen and Abigail W. (Allen) Jenckes. He graduated at Brown University with honor in 1838, and entered the profession of the law, in which he rose rapidly to eminence. Patent law was his legal specialty, and he was employed, during his practice, in many of the most important cases litigated in this country. He occupied many important civil positions. As a member of the General Assembly of his state, he was the controlling mind. At one time he made a remarkable speech, in the case of Hazard and Ives, involving the right of the assembly to revise the judgments of the court so far as to direct a new trial, and carried the assembly against its own previous action. It is recorded as one of the greatest forensic triumphs in the annals of that state. Mr. Jenckes was elected to congress in 1862, and served through the 38th, 39th 40th, and 41st congresses, rendering distinguished service at the head of the committee on patents, and on the judiciary committee. He won national fame in connection with "civil service reform," the general bankrupt law, and the patent and copyright laws. He possessed great courage, both moral and intellectual, with wonderful self-control. It is related by those most nearly connected with him in his profession, that he never lost his temper, nor allowed irritable words to escape his lips. Although often himself traduced, he was a stranger to detraction. He was one of Rhode Island's greatest lawyers and profoundest men. Few equalled him, and none surpassed him. He accomplished, in fifty-seven years, what few men accomplish in four score. He was born for great affairs, but was cut off in the beginning of his fullest powers as a lawyer, a poet, a man of letters, a legislator, and a statesman. He m. Mary Jane Fuller, b. in 1822, and d. Jan. 11, 1872. Ch., Mary Edith, b. March 18, 1844; m. Feb. 19, 1867, William W. Goddard, of Providence. Jeannie Rosalie, b. May 16, 1846; m., Feb., 1872, John R. Bartlett, of Cumberland. Ida Cornelia, b.____, d., 1863. Florence Madeline, b._____; m., June 28, 1870, Joseph Bridgham, of East Providence. Agnes, d. young. Eleanor, b. April 20, 1854. Thomas Allen, b. Aug. 28, 1856.

Petition of Joseph Jenkes and Grant of the First Patent in America, for an invention of Apparatus; May 10, 1646, O. S.

Records of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay; Vol. 59, p. 26.

The endorsement at the bottom of the Petition by Gov. Winthrop, representing the Magistrates, and Edward Rawson, representing the Deputies, constituted the Grant, or original official record of the action taken by the two houses of the General Court in response to the Petition.

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The humble petition of Joseph Jenkes

To the Honrd Gouernor wth the rest of the Magistrates and Deputyes now Assembled at the Generall Court in Boston the 10th of 3d mth 1646

Humbly sheweth vnto this honord Court that whereas the Lord hath beene pleased to giue mee knowledg in Makeing, and Erecting of Engines of Mills to goe by water for the speedy dispatch of much worke with few mens labour in litle tyme my desire is to Jmproue this talent for the publike good and benifitt and Seruice of this Country; to which End my Jntention and purpose is (if God permitt) to Build a Mill for making of Sithes; and alsoe a new Jnvented Saw Mill, and diuers other Engines for making of diuers sorts of Edge tooles; wherby the Country may haue such necessaryes in short tyme at farre cheaper Rates then now they can; Now yor petitioner doth humbly beseech this Honoured Court that you would please to Grant mee this priueledg; and to order that noe other person shall sett upp or vse any such new Jnvention or trade for the space of fowerteene yeeres without my licence; which hath beene the vsuall priveledg and liberty Granted by the high Court of Parlayment in England to men that doe first sett vpon workes of this nature; least after your petitioner haue expended his estate, study, and labour, and haue brought things to perfection, Another when hee seeth it, maketh the like; and soe J loose the benifitt of that I haue studied for many yeeres before; which will tend to my Great damadg if not my vtter vndoeing; But if this Honrd Court shall please to order it abouesayd; yor petitioner shall be Jncouradged forthwith to sett on the worke and shall haue cause euer to pray —

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The Magistrates considring the necessity of raising such manufactures as are mentioned in the Pet: & being sufficiently informed of the ability of the Petitionr to pform such workes: doe conceive it fitt (wth relation to the Deptyes concurrence herein) that his Petition be granted, so far as concerns any such newe Inventions: & so as it shalbe allwayes in the power of this Court to restreyn the exportation of such manufactures & the prizes of them to moderation if occasion so require.

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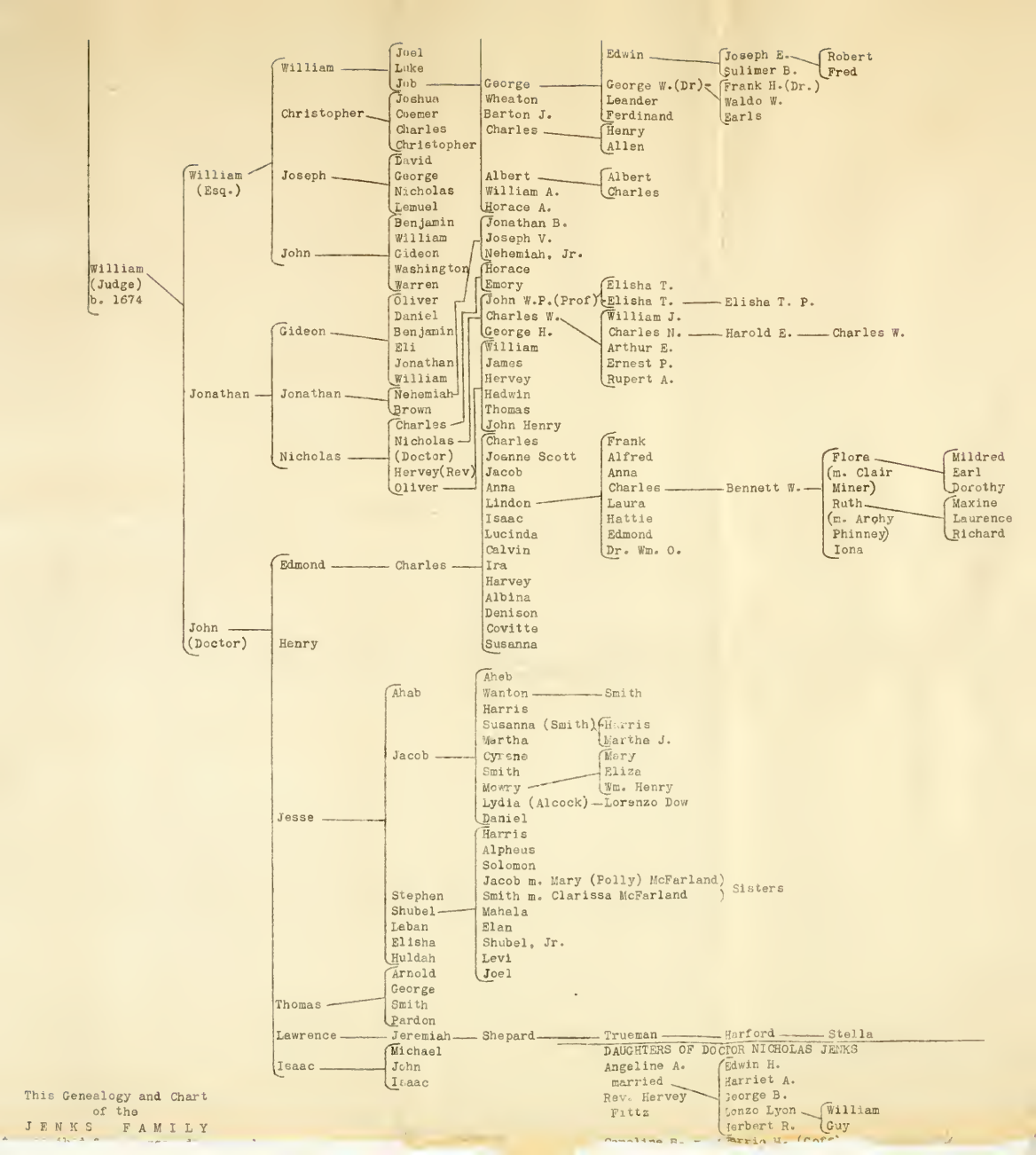
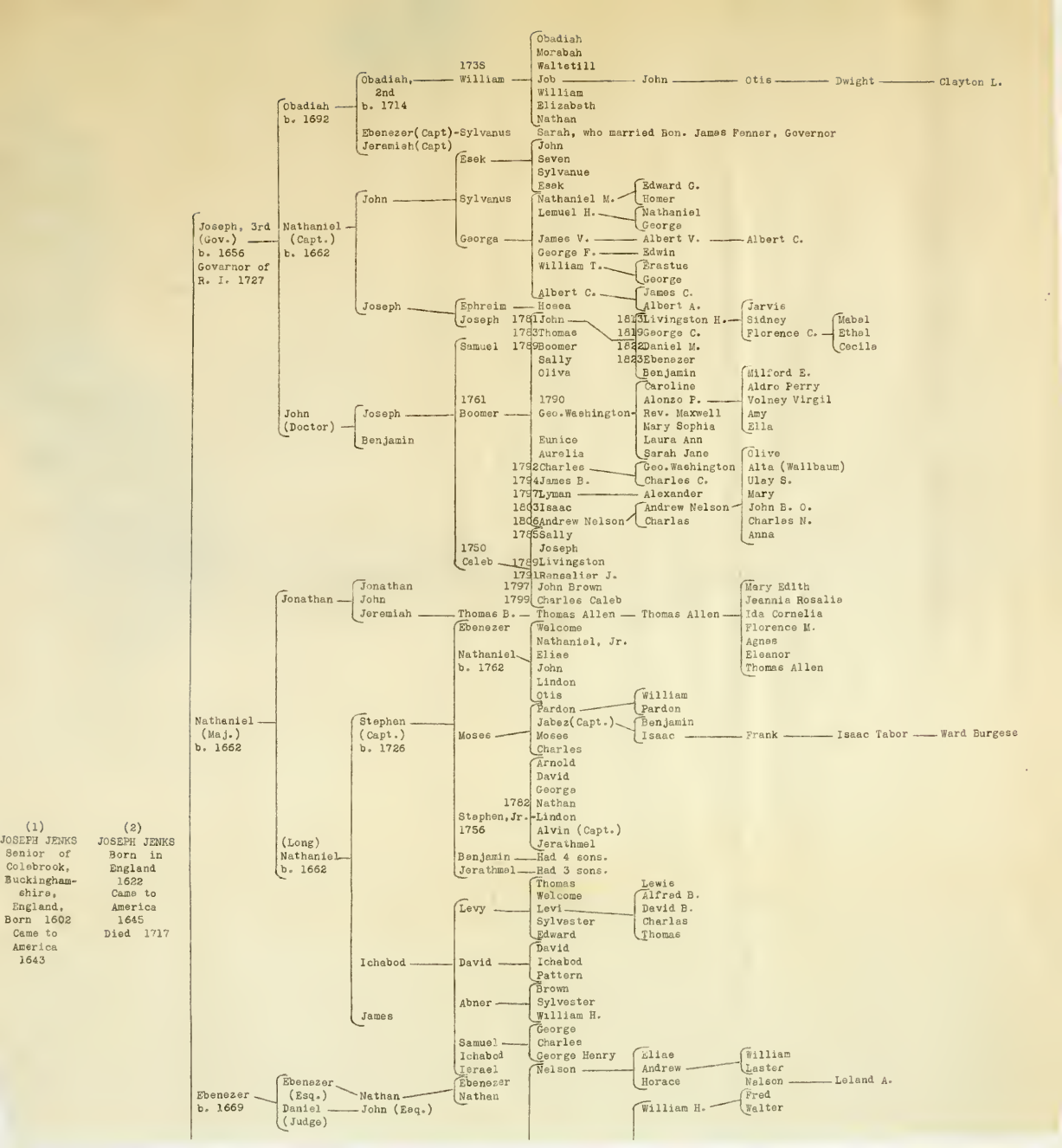


This Genealogy and Chart of the JENKS FAMILY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JOSEPH JENKS
Senior of Colebrook, Buckingham-shire, England, Born 1602 Came to America 1643
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Born in England 1622 Came to America 1645 Died 1717
Joseph, 3rd (Gov.) b. 1656 Govarnor of R. I. 1727
Nathaniel (Capt.) b. 1662
Obadiah b. 1692
Obadiah, 2nd b. 1714
1738 William
Obadiah
Morabah
Waltetill
Job — John — Otis — Dwight — Clayton L.
William
Elizabeth
Nathan
Ebenezer (Capt.)-Sylvanus
Jeremiah (Capt)
Sarah, who married Hon. James Fenner, Governor
John
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Seven
Sylvanue
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John
Sylvanus
Nathaniel M. — Edward C.
Homer
Lemuel H. — Nathaniel
George
Georga
James V. — Albert V. — Albert C.
George F. — Edwin
William T. — Erastue
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Albert C. — James C.
Albert A.
Joseph
Ephreim
Hosea
Joseph
1781 John
1783 Thomas
1789 Boomer
Sally
Oliva
1761 Boomer
1790 Geo. Washington-
Eunice
Aurelia
1792 Charles
1794 James B.
1797 Lyman
1803 Isaac
1806 Andrew Nelson
1785 Sally
1750 Caleb
Joseph
1789 Livingston
1791 Rensalier J.
1813 Livingston H. — Jarvis — Sidney — Mabel — Florence C. — Ethel — Cecile
1819 George C.
1822 Daniel M.
1823 Ebenezer
Benjamin — Milford E.
Caroline — Aldro Perry
Alonzo P. — Volney Virgil
Rev. Maxwell — Amy
Mary Sophia — Ella
Laura Ann
Sarah Jane — Olive
Geo. Washington — Alta (Wallbaum)
Charles C. — Ulay S.
Alexander — Mary
Andrew Nelson — John B. O.
Charlas — Charles N.
Anna
John (Doctor)
Joseph
Benjamin
Jonathan
John
Jeremiah
1797 John Brown
1799 Charles Caleb
Thomas B. — Thomas Allen — Thomas Allen — Mary Edith — Jeannia Rosalie — Ida Cornelia — Florence M. — Agnes — Eleanor — Thomas Allen
Ebenezer
Welcome
Nathaniel, Jr.
Nathaniel b. 1762
Eliae
John
Lindon
Otis
Nathaniel (Maj.) b. 1662
Stephen (Capt.) b. 1726
Moses
Pardon — William — Pardon
Jabez (Capt.) — Benjamin
Isaac — Frank — Isaac Tabor — Ward Burgese
Charles
Arnold
David
George
1782 Nathan
Stephen, Jr. 1756 — Lindon
Alvin (Capt.)
Jerathmel
(Long) Nathaniel b. 1662
Benjamin — Had 4 sons.
Jerathmel — Had 3 sons.
Thomas — Lewis
Welcome — Alfred B.
Levy — Levi — David B.
Sylvester — Charlas
Edward — Thomas
Ichabod — David
David
Ichabod
Pattern
Abner
Brown
Sylvester
William H.
James
Samuel
Ichabod
Israel
George
Charles
George Henry
Nelson — Eliae — Andrew — Horace
William — Laster
Nelson — Leland A.
Ebenezer b. 1669
Ebenezer (Esq.)
Daniel (Judge)
Nathan
John (Esq.)
Ebenezer
Nathan
William H. — Fred — Walter

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